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Hesperides.

To his Booke.



E bold, my Booke, nor be abasht, or feare [Brow severe. The cutting Thumb-naile, or the But by the Muses sweare, all here is

If but well read; or ill read, understood. [good,

His Prayer to Ben. Johnson.

When I a Verse shall make, Know I have praid thee, For old *Religions* sake, Saint *Ben*, to aide me.

Make the way fmooth for me, When I, thy *Herrick*, Honouring thee, on my knee Offer my *Lyrick*.

Candles Ile give to thee, And a new Altar;

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And thou, Saint Ben, shalt be Writ in my Pfalter.

Poverty and Riches.

G Ive Want her welcome if the comes; we find, Riches to be but burthens to the mind.

Again.

WHo with a little cannot be content, Endures an everlasting punishment.

The Covetous still Captives.

Let's live with that smal pittance that we have; Who covets more, is evermore a slave.

Lawes.

When Lawes full power have to fway, we fee Little or no part there of Tyrannie.

Of Love.

Le get me hence,
Because no fence,
Or Fort that I can make here;
But Love by charmes,
Or else by Armes
Will storme, or starving take here.

Upon Cock.

Cock calls his Wife his Hen: when Cock goes too't,
Cock treads his Hen, but treads her under-foot.

To his Muse.

O wooe young Charles no more to looke, Then but to read this in my Booke: How Herrick beggs, if that he can-Not like the Muse; to love the man, Who by the Shepheards, sung, long since, The Starre-led-birth of Charles the Prince.

The bad Season makes the Poet sad.

D'Ull to my selfe, and almost dead to these My many fresh and fragrant Mistresses: Lost to all Musick now; since every thing Puts on the semblance here of sorrowing. Sick is the Land to'th' heart; and doth endure More dangerous faintings by her desp'rate cure. But if that golden Age wo'd come again, And Charles here Rule, as he before did Raign; If smooth and unperplext the Seasons were, As when the Sweet Maria lived here:

I sho'd delight to have my Curles halfe drown'd In Tyrian Dewes, and Head with Roses crown'd.

And once more yet (ere I am laid out dead)

Knock at a Starre with my exalted Head.

To Vulcan.

Thy footy Galhead, I defire Still to be ready with thy fire: That sho'd my Booke despised be, Acceptance it might find of thee.

Like Pattern, like People.

This is the height of Justice, that to doe Thy selfe, which thou put st other men unto. As great men lead; the meaner follow on, Or to the good, or evill action.

Purposes.

O wrath of Men, or rage of Seas Can shake a just mans purposes: No threats of Tyrants, or the Grim Visage of them can alter him; But what he doth at first entend, That he holds firmly to the end.

To the Maids to walke abroad.

Ome fit we under yonder Tree, Where merry as the Maids we'l be.

And as on Primrofes we fit, We'l venter (if we can) at wit: If not, at *Draw-gloves* we will play; So spend some minutes of the day: Or else spin out the thread of fands, Playing at Questions and Commands: Or tell what strange Tricks Love can do. By quickly making one of two. Thus we will fit and talke: but tell No cruell truths of *Philomell*, Or *Phillis*, whom hard Fate forc't on, To kill her selfe for Demophon. But Fables we'l relate; how Youe Put on all shapes to get a Love: As now a Satyr, then a Swan; A Bull but then; and now a man. Next we will act, how young men wooe; And figh, and kifs, as Lovers do: And talke of Brides; & who shall make That wedding-smock, this Bridal-Cake; That Dress, this Sprig, that Leaf, this Vine; That fmooth and filken Columbine. This done, we'l draw lots, who shall buy And guild the Baies and Rosemary: What Posies for our Wedding Rings; What Gloves we'l give, and Ribanings: And fmiling at our felves, decree, Who then the joyning Priest shall be. What short sweet Prayers shall be said; And how the Posset shall be made

With Cream of Lillies (not of Kine) And *Maiden's-blufb*, for spiced wine. Thus, having talkt, we'l next commend A kis to each; and so we'l end.

His own Epitaph.

A S wearied *Pilgrims*, once possess of long'd-for lodging, go to rest: So I, now having rid my way; Fix here my Button'd Staffe and stay. Youth (I confess) hath me mis-led; But Age hath brought me right to Bed.

A Nuptiall Verse to Mistresse Elizabeth Lee, now Lady Tracie.

S Pring with the Larke, most comely Bride, and meet

Your eager Bridegroome with auspitious feet. The Morn's farre spent; and the immortall Sunne Corrols his cheeke, to see those Rites not done. Fie, Lovely maid! Indeed you are too slow, When to the Temple Love sho'd runne, not go. Dispatch your dressing then; and quickly wed: Then feast, and coy't a little; then to bed. This day is Loves day; and this busie night Is yours, in which you challeng'd are to fight With such an arm'd, but such an easie Foe, As will if you yeeld, lye down conquer'd too.

The Field is pitch't; but such must be your warres, As that your kisses must out-vie the Starres. Fall down together vanquisht both, and lye Drown'd in the bloud of Rubies there, not die.

The Night-piece, to Julia.

HEr Eyes the Glow-worme lend thee,
The Shooting Starres attend thee;
And the Elves also,
Whose little eyes glow,
Like the sparks of fire, befriend thee.

No Will-o'th'-Wispe mis-light thee; Nor Snake, or Slow-worme bite thee: But on, on thy way Not making a stay, Since Ghost ther's none to affright thee.

Let not the darke thee cumber;
What though the Moon do's flumber?
The Starres of the night
Will lend thee their light,
Like Tapers cleare without number.

Then Julia let me wooe thee,
Thus, thus to come unto me:
And when I shall meet
Thy silv'ry feet,
My soule I'le poure into thee.

To Sir Clipseby Crew.

GIve me wine, and give me meate, To create in me a heate, That my Pulses high may beate.

Cold and hunger never yet Co'd a noble Verse beget; But your Boules with Sack repleat.

Give me these, my Knight, and try In a Minutes space how I Can runne mad, and Prophesie.

Then if any Peece proves new, And rare, Ile fay, my dearest *Crew*, It was full enspir'd by you.

Good Luck not lasting.

IF well the Dice runne, lets applaud the cast: The happy fortune will not alwayes last.

A Kisse.

WHat is a Kiffe? Why this, as some approve; The sure sweet-Sement, Glue, and Lime of Love.

Glorie.

I Make no haste to have my Numbers read. Seldome comes Glorie till a man be dead.

Poets.

MAntons we are; and though our words be fuch, Our Lives do differ from our Lines by much.

No Despight to the Dead.

R Eproach we may the living; not the dead: 'Tis cowardice to bite the buried.

To his Verses.

When I must leave the World (and you) Who'l give ye then a sheltring shed, Or credit ye, when I am dead? Who'l let ye by their fire sit? Although ye have a stock of wit, Already coin'd to pay for it. I cannot tell; unlesse there be Some Race of old humanitie Lest (of the large heart, and long hand) Alive, as Noble Westmorland; Or gallant Newark; which brave two May fost'ring fathers be to you. If not; expect to be no less Ill us'd, then Babes lest fatherless.

His Charge to Julia at his Death.

DEarest of thousands, now the time drawes neere,
That with my Lines, my Life must full-stop here.
Cut off thy haires; and let thy Teares be shed
Over my Turse, when I am buried.
Then for effusions, let none wanting be,
Or other Rites that doe belong to me;
As Love shall helpe thee, when thou do'st go hence
Unto thy everlasting residence.

Upon Love.

IN a Dreame, Love bad me go
To the Gallies there to Rowe;
In the Vision I askt, why?
Love as briefly did reply;
'Twas better there to toyle, then prove
The turmoiles they endure that love.
I awoke, and then I knew
What Love said was too too true:

Henceforth therefore I will be
As from Love, from trouble free.

None pities him that's in the snare,
And warn'd before, wo'd not beware.

The Coblers Catch.

COme fit we by the fires fide; And roundly drinke we here; Till that we see our cheekes Ale-dy'd And noses tann'd with Beere.

Upon Bran. Epig.

What made that mirth last night, the neighbours say,
That Bran the Baker did his Breech bewray:
I rather thinke, though they may speake the worst,
'Twas to his Batch, but Leaven laid there first.

Upon Snare, an Usurer.

Shee brings in much, by carnall usury.

He by extortion brings in three times more:
Say, who's the worst, th' exactor, or the whore?

Upon Grudgings.

Rudgings turnes bread to stones, when to the Poore
He gives an almes, and chides them from his doore.

Connubii Flores, or the well-wishes at Weddings.

Chorus Sacerdotum.

Rom the Temple to your home May a thousand bleffings come! And a fweet concurring stream Of all joyes, to joyn with them.

Chorus Juvenum.

Happy day
Make no long stay
Here
In thy Sphere;
But give thy place to night,
That she,
As Thee,
May be
Partaker of this sight.
And since it was thy care
To see the Younglings wed;
'Tis sit that Night, the Paire,
Sho'd see safe brought to Bed.

Chorus Senum.

Go to your banquet then, but use delight, So as to rise still with an appetite.

Love is a thing most nice; and must be sed To such a height; but never surfeited.

What is beyond the mean is ever ill:

'Tis best to feed Love; but not over-sill:

Go then discreetly to the Bed of pleasure;

And this remember, Vertue keepes the measure.

Chorus Virginum.

Luckie fignes we have discri'd To encourage on the Bride; And to these we have espi'd, Not a kiffing *Cupid* flyes Here about, but has his eyes, To imply your Love is wise.

Chorus Pastorum.

Here we present a sleece

To make a peece
Of cloth;

Nor, Faire, must you be loth
Your Finger to apply
To huswiferie.
Then, then begin
To spin:

And, Sweetling, marke you, what a Web will come Into your Chefts, drawn by your painfull Thumb.

Chorus Matronarum.

Set you to your Wheele, and wax Rich, by the Ductile Wool and Flax. Yarne is an Income; and the Huswives thread The Larder fils with meat; the Bin with bread.

Chorus Senum.

Let wealth come in by comely thrift, And not by any fordid shift:

> 'Tis hafte Makes wafte:

Extreames have still their fault;

The softest Fire makes the sweetest Mault. Who gripes too hard the dry and slip'rie sand, Holds none at all, or little in his hand.

Chorus Virginum.

Goddesse of Pleasure, Youth, and Peace, Give them the blessing of encrease: And thou, *Lucina*, that do'st heare The vowes of those, that children beare: When as her Aprill houre drawes neare, Be thou then propitious there.

Chorus Juvenum.

Farre hence be all speech, that may anger move: Sweet words must nourish soft and gentle Love.

Chorus omnium.

Live in the Love of Doves, and having told The Ravens yeares, go hence more Ripe then old.

To his lovely Mistresses.

Ne night i'th'yeare, my dearest Beauties, come And bring those dew-drink-offerings to my Tomb.

When thence ye see my reverend Ghost to rise, And there to lick th' effused sacrifice:

Though palenes be the Livery that I weare, Looke ye not wan, or colourlesse for feare.

Trust me, I will not hurt ye; or once shew The least grim looke, or cast a frown on you:

Nor shall the Tapers when I'm there, burn blew. This I may do, perhaps, as I glide by,

Cast on my Girles a glance, and loving eye:

Or fold mine armes and sigh, because I've lost The world so soon, and in it, you the most.

Then these, no feares more on your Fancies fall,

Though then I smile, and speake no words at all.

Upon Love.

A Christall Violl Cupid brought,
Which had a juice in it:
Of which who drank, he said no thought
Of Love he sho'd admit.

I greedy of the prize, did drinke,
And emptied foon the glaffe;
Which burnt me fo, that I do thinke
The fire of hell it was.

Give me my earthen Cups again,
The Christall I contemne;
Which, though enchas'd with Pearls, contain
A deadly draught in them.

And thou, O Cupid! come not to My Threshold, since I see, For all I have, or else can do, Thou still wilt cozen me.

Upon Gander. Epig.

Since Gander did his prettie Youngling wed; Gander, they say, doth each night pisse a Bed: What is the cause? Why, Gander will reply, No Goose layes good eggs that is trodden drye.

Upon Lungs. Epig.

Ungs, as some say, ne'r sets him down to eate, But that his breath do's Fly-blow all the meate.

The Beggar to Mab, the Fairie Queen.

PLease your Grace, from out your Store, Give an Almes to one that's poore, That your mickle, may have more. Black I'm grown for want of meat; Give me then an Ant to eate; Or the cleft eare of a Mouse Over-sowr'd in drinke of Souce:

Or, fweet Lady, reach to me The Abdomen of a Bee; Or commend a Crickets-hip, Or his Huckson, to my Scrip. Give for bread, a little bit Of a Pease, that 'gins to chit, And my full thanks take for it. Floure of Fuz-balls, that's too good For a man in needy-hood: But the Meal of Mill-dust can Well content a craving man. Any Orts the Elves refuse Well will ferve the Beggars use. But if this may feem too much For an Almes; then give me such Little bits, that neftle there In the Pris'ners Panier. So a bleffing light upon You, and mighty Oberon: That your plenty last till when, I return your Almes agen.

An End decreed.

Let's be jocund while we may; All things have an ending day: And when once the Work is done; Fates revolve no Flax th'ave spun.

Upon a Child.

HEre a pretty Baby lies
Sung afleep with Lullabies:
Pray be filent, and not ftirre
Th' easie earth that covers her.

Painting sometimes permitted.

I F Nature do deny Colours, let Art supply.

Farwell Frost, or welcome Spring.

Re-cloth'd in fresh and verdant Diaper.
Thaw'd are the snowes, and now the lusty Spring Gives to each Mead a neat enameling.
The Palms put forth their Gemmes, and every Now swaggers in her Leavy gallantry. [Tree The while the Daulian Minstrell sweetly sings With warbling Notes, her Tyrrean sufferings. What gentle Winds perspire? As if here Never had been the Northern Plunderer To strip the Trees, and Fields, to their distresse, Leaving them to a pittied nakednesse.
And look how when a frantick Storme doth tear A stubborn Oake, or Holme (long growing there)

But lul'd to calmnesse, then succeeds a breeze That scarcely stirs the nodding leaves of Trees: So when this War, which tempest-like doth spoil Our salt, our Corn, our Honie, Wine, and Oile, Falls to a temper, and doth mildly cast His inconsiderate Frenzie off (at last)

The gentle Dove may, when these turmoils cease, Bring in her Bill, once more, the Branch of Peace.

The Hag.

The Hag is aftride,
This night for to ride;
The Devill and shee together:
Through thick, and through thin,
Now out, and then in,
Though ne'r so soule be the weather.

A Thorn or a Burr
She takes for a Spurre:
With a lash of a Bramble she rides now,
Through Brakes and through Bryars,
O're Ditches, and Mires,
She followes the Spirit that guides now.

No Beast, for his food,
Dares now range the wood;
But husht in his laire he lies lurking:
While mischeifs, by these,
On Land and on Seas,
At noone of Night are a working,

The storme will arise,
And trouble the skies;
This night, and more for the wonder,
The ghost from the Tomb
Affrighted shall come,
Cal'd out by the clap of the Thunder.

Upon an old Man a Residenciarie.

Read, Sirs, as lightly as ye can Upon the grave of this old man. Twice fortie (bating but one year, And thrice three weekes) he lived here. Whom gentle fate translated hence To a more happy Residence. Yet, Reader, let me tell thee this, Which from his ghost a promise is, If here ye will some few teares shed, He'l never haunt ye now he's dead.

Upon Teares.

TEares, though th'are here below the finners brine,
Above they are the Angels spiced wine.

Physitians.

Physitians fight not against men; but these Combate for men, by conquering the disease.

The Primitiæ to Parents.

Our Houshold-gods our Parents be; And manners good require, that we The first Fruits give to them, who gave Us hands to get what here we have.

Upon Cob. Epig.

Ob clouts his shooes, and as the story tells, His thumb-nailes-par'd, afford him sperrables.

Upon Lucie. Epig.

Sound Teeth has *Lucie*, pure as Pearl, and small, With mellow Lips, and luscious there withall.

Upon Skoles. Epig.

S Koles stinks so deadly, that his Breeches loath His dampish Buttocks furthermore to cloath: Cloy'd they are up with Arse; but hope, one blast Will whirle about, and blow them thence at last.

To Silvia.

I Am holy, while I stand Circum-crost by thy pure hand: But when that is gone; Again, I, as others, am Prophane.

To his Closet-Gods.

When I goe Hence, ye Closet-Gods, I feare Never againe to have ingression here: Where I have had, what ever things co'd be Pleasant, and precious to my Muse and me. Besides rare sweets, I had a Book which none Co'd reade the Intext but my selfe alone. About the Cover of this Book there went A curious-comely clean Compartiement: And, in the midst, to grace it more, was set A blushing-pretty-peeping Rubelet: But now 'tis clos'd; and being shut, & seal'd, Be it, O be it, never more reveal'd! Keep here still, Closet-gods, 'fore whom I've set Oblations oft, of sweetest Marmelet.

A Bacchanalian Verse.

F^{Ill} me a mighty Bowle
Up to the brim:
That I may drink
Unto my Johnsons soule.

Crowne it agen agen;
And thrice repeat
That happy heat;
To drink to Thee my Ben.

Well I can quaffe, I see, To th' number five, Or nine; but thrive In frenzie ne'r like thee.

Long lookt for comes at last.

Hough long it be, yeeres may repay the debt; None loseth that, which he in time may get.

To Youth.

Rink Wine, and live here blithefull, while ye The morrowes life too late is, Live to-day. [may:

Never too late to dye.

Never man yet had a regredience. [whence

A Hymne to the Muses.

O! You the Virgins nine!
That doe our foules encline
To noble Discipline!
Nod to this vow of mine:
Come then, and now enspire
My violl and my lyre
With your eternall fire:
And make me one entire
Composer in your Quire.
Then I'le your Altars strew
With Roses sweet and new;

And ever live a true Acknowledger of you.

On Himselfe.

Le fing no more, nor will I longer write
Of that sweet Lady, or that gallant Knight:
Ile fing no more of Frosts, Snowes, Dews and
Showers; [of Flowers:
No more of Groves, Meades, Springs, and wreaths
Ile write no more, nor will I tell or fing
Of Cupid, and his wittie coozning:
Ile fing no more of death, or shall the grave
No more my Dirges, and my Trentalls have.

Upon Jone and Jane.

Jone is a wench that's painted;

Yet Jone she goes
Like one of those
Whom purity had Sainted.

Jane is a Girle that's prittie;

Jane is a wench that's wittie;

Yet, who wo'd think,
Her breath do's stinke,

As so it doth? that's pittie.

To Momus.

WHo read'st this Book that I have writ, And can'st not mend, but carpe at it: By all the muses! thou shalt be Anathema to it, and me.

Ambition.

IN wayes to greatnesse, think on this, That slippery all Ambition is.

The Country Life, to the honoured M. End.
Porter, Groome of the Bed-Chamber
to His Maj.

C Weet Country life, to fuch unknown, Whose lives are others, not their own! But ferving Courts, and Cities, be Less happy, less enjoying thee. Thou never Plow'st the Oceans foame To feek, and bring rough Pepper home: Nor to the Eastern Ind dost rove To bring from thence the scorched Clove. Nor, with the loffe of thy lov'd reft, Bring'st home the Ingot from the West. No, thy Ambition's Master-piece Flies no thought higher then a fleece: Or how to pay thy Hinds, and cleere All scores; and so to end the yeere: But walk'st about thine own dear bounds, Not envying others larger grounds: For well thou know'st, 'tis not th' extent Of Land makes life, but sweet content.

When now the Cock (the Plow-mans Horne) Calls forth the lilly-wrifted Morne; Then to thy corn-fields thou dost goe. Which though well foyl'd, yet thou dost know, That the best compost for the Lands Is the wife Masters Feet, and Hands. There at the Plough thou find'st thy Teame, With a Hind whistling there to them: And cheer'st them up, by singing how The Kingdoms portion is the Plow. This done, then to th' enameld Meads Thou go'ft; and as thy foot there treads, Thou feeft a present God-like Power Imprinted in each Herbe and Flower: And fmell'st the breath of great-ey'd Kine, Sweet as the bloffomes of the Vine. Here thou behold'st thy large sleek Neat Unto the Dew-laps up in meat: And, as thou look'st, the wanton Steere, The Heifer, Cow, and Oxe draw neere To make a pleasing pastime there. These seen, thou go'st to view thy flocks Of sheep, safe from the Wolfe and Fox, And find'st their bellies there as full Of short sweet grasse, as backs with wool. And leav'st them, as they feed and fill, A Shepherd piping on a hill. For Sports, for Pagentrie, and Playes, Thou hast thy Eves, and Holydayes: On which the young men and maids meet,

To exercise their dancing seet: Tripping the comely country round, With Daffadils and Daifies crown'd. Thy Wakes, thy Quintels, here thou haft, Thy May-poles too with Garlands grac't: Thy Morris-dance; thy Whitsun-ale; Thy Sheering-feast, which never faile. Thy Harvest home; thy Wassaile bowle, That's tost up after Fox i'th' Hole. Thy Mummeries; thy Twelfe-tide Kings And Queenes; thy Christmas revellings: Thy Nut-browne mirth; thy Russet wit; And no man payes too deare for it. To these, thou hast thy times to goe And trace the Hare i'th' trecherous Snow: Thy witty wiles to draw, and get The Larke into the Trammell net: Thou hast thy Cockrood, and thy Glade To take the precious Phesant made: Thy Lime-twigs, Snares, and Pit-falls then To catch the pilfring Birds, not Men. O happy life! if that their good The Husbandmen but understood! Who all the day themselves doe please, And Younglings, with fuch sports as these. And, lying down, have nought t'affright Sweet fleep, that makes more short the night.

Cætera desunt ----

To Electra.

Dare not ask a kisse;
I dare not beg a smile;
Lest having that, or this,
I might grow proud the while.

No, no, the utmost share Of my desire, shall be Onely to kisse that Aire, That lately kissed thee.

To his worthy Friend, M. Arthur Bartly.

When after many Lusters thou shalt be Wrapt up in Seare-cloth with thine Ancestrie:

When of thy ragg'd Escutcheons shall be seene So little left, as if they ne'r had been: [trust, Thou shalt thy Name have, and thy Fames best Here with the Generation of my Just.

What kind of Mistresse he would have.

BE the Mistresse of my choice, Cleane in manners, cleere in voice: Be she witty, more then wise; Pure enough, though not Precise: Be she shewing in her dresse, Like a civill Wilderness; That the curious may detect Order in a sweet neglect:
Be she rowling in her eye,
Tempting all the passers by:
And each Ringlet of her haire,
An Enchantment, or a Snare,
For to catch the Lookers on;
But her self held fast by none.
Let her Lucrece all day be,
Thais in the night, to me.
Be she such, as neither will
Famish me, nor over-fill.

Upon Zelot.

IS Zelot pure? he is: ye see he weares. The signe of Circumcisson in his eares.

The Rosemarie Branch.

GRow for two ends, it matters not at all, Be't for my Bridall, or my Buriall.

Upon Madam Urfly, Epig.

Por ropes of pearle, first Madam Ursly showes A chaine of Cornes, pickt from her eares and toes:

Then, next, to match Tradescant's curious shels,

Nailes from her fingers mew'd, she shewes: what Why then, forfooth, a Carcanet is shown [els? Of teeth, as deaf as nuts, and all her own.

Upon Crab, Epigr.

CRab faces gownes with fundry Furres; 'tis known,
He keeps the Fox-furre for to face his own.

A Paranæticall, or Advisive Verse, to his Friend, M. John Wicks.

Is this a life, to break thy fleep?
To rife as foon as day doth peep? To tire thy patient Oxe or Asse By noone, and let thy good dayes passe, Not knowing This, that Youe decrees Some mirth, t'adulce mans miseries? No; 'tis a life, to have thine oyle, Without extortion, from thy foyle: Thy faithfull fields to yeeld thee Graine, Although with fome, yet little paine: To have thy mind, and nuptiall bed, With feares, and cares uncumbered: A Pleasing Wife, that by thy side Lies foftly panting like a Bride. This is to live, and to endeere Those minutes, Time has lent us here. Then, while Fates fuffer, live thou free,

As is that ayre that circles thee, And crown thy temples too, and let Thy fervant, not thy own felf, fweat, To strut thy barnes with sheafs of Wheat. Time steals away like to a stream, And we glide hence away with them. No found recalls the houres once fled, Or Roses, being withered: Nor us, my Friend, when we are loft, Like to a Deaw, or melted Frost. Then live we mirthfull, while we should, And turn the iron Age to Gold. Let's feast, and frolick, sing, and play, And thus leffe last, then live our Day. Whose life with care is overcast, That man's not faid to live, but last: Nor is't a life, seven yeares to tell, But for to live that half seven well: And that wee'l do; as men, who know, Some few fands spent, we hence must go, Both to be blended in the Urn, From whence there's never a return.

Once feen, and no more.

Thousands each day passe by, which wee,
Once past and gone, no more shall see.

Love.

THis Axiom I have often heard, Kings ought to be more lov'd, then fear'd.

To M. Denham, on his Prospective Poem.

OR lookt I back unto the Times hence flown, To praise those Muses, and dislike our own? Or did I walk those Pean-Gardens through, To kick the Flow'rs, and fcorn their odours too? I might, and justly, be reputed (here) One nicely mad, or peevishly severe. But by Apollo! as I worship wit, Where I have cause to burn persumes to it: So, I confesse, 'tis somwhat to do well In our high art, although we can't excell, Like thee; or dare the Buskins to unloose Of thy brave, bold, and fweet Maronian Muse. But fince I'm cal'd, rare Denham, to be gone, Take from thy *Herrick* this conclusion: 'Tis dignity in others, if they be Crown'd Poets; yet live Princes under thee: The while their wreaths and Purple Robes do fhine, [thine. Lesse by their own jemms, then those beams of

A Hymne, to the Lares.

T was, and still my care is, To worship ye, the Lares, With crowns of greenest Parsley, And Garlick chives not scarcely: For favours here to warme me, And not by fire to harme me. For gladding so my hearth here,
With inoffensive mirth here;
That while the Wassaile Bowle here
With North-down Ale doth troule here,
No sillable doth fall here,
To marre the mirth at all here.
For which, ô Chimney-keepers!
(I dare not call ye Sweepers)
So long as I am able
To keep a countrey-table,
Great be my fare, or small cheere,
I'le eat and drink up all here.

Deniall in Women no disheartning to Men.

WOmen, although they ne're so goodly make it, Their fashion is, but to say no, to take it.

Adversity.

Ove is maintain'd by wealth; when all is spent,

Adversity then breeds the discontent.

To Fortune.

Tumble me down, and I will fit Upon my ruines (fmiling yet:) Teare me to tatters; yet I'le be Patient in my necessitie. Laugh at my scraps of cloaths, and shun Me, as a fear'd infection: Yet scarre-crow-like I'le walk, as one, Neglecting thy derision.

To Anthea.

Ome, Anthea, know thou this, Love at no time idle is:

Let's be doing, though we play
But at push-pin, half the day:
Chains of sweet bents let us make,
Captive one, or both, to take:
In which bondage we will lie,
Soules transfusing thus, and die.

Cruelties.

Pro commanded; but withdrew his eyes From the beholding Death, and cruelties.

Perseverance.

HAst thou begun an act? ne're then give o're: No man despaires to do what's done before.

Upon his Verses.

W Hat off-spring other men have got, The how, where, when, I question not. These are the Children I have left; Adopted some; none got by thest. But all are toucht, like lawfull plate, And no Verse illegitimate.

Distance betters Dignities.

Kings must not oft be seen by publike eyes;

State at a distance adds to dignities.

Health.

HEalth is no other, as the learned hold, But a just measure both of Heat and Cold.

To Dianeme. A Ceremonie in Glocester.

Le to thee a Simnell bring, 'Gainst thou go'st a mothering, So that, when she blesseth thee, Half that blessing thou'st give me.

To the King.

GIve way, give way, now, now my Charles shines here,
A Publike Light, in this immensive Sphere.
Some starres were fixt before; but these are dim,
Compar'd (in this my ample Orbe) to Him.
Draw in your seeble fiers, while that He
Appeares but in His Meaner Majestie.
Where, if such glory stashes from His Name,
Which is His Shade, who can abide His Flame!

Princes, and such like Publike Lights as these, Must not be lookt on, but at distances: For, if we gaze on These brave Lamps too neer, Our eyes they'l blind, or if not blind, they'l bleer.

The Funerall Rites of the Rose.

THe Rose was fick, and smiling di'd; And, being to be fanctifi'd, About the Bed, there fighing stood The fweet, and flowrie Sisterhood. Some hung the head, while some did bring (To wash her) water from the Spring. Some laid her forth, while others wept, But all a solemne Fast there kept. The holy Sifters fome among The facred Dirge and Trentall fung. But ah! what fweets fmelt every where, As Heaven had spent all persumes there. At last, when prayers for the dead, And Rites were all accomplished; They, weeping, spread a Lawnie Loome, And clos'd her up, as in a Tombe.

The Rainbow: or curious Covenant.

MIne eyes, like clouds, were drizling raine, And as they thus did entertaine The gentle Beams from Julia's fight To mine eyes level'd opposite: O Thing admir'd! there did appeare A curious Rainbow smiling there; Which was the Covenant, that she No more wo'd drown mine eyes, or me.

The last Stroke strike sure.

Though by well-warding many blowes w'ave past,

That stroke most fear'd is, which is struck the last.

Fortune.

POrtune's a blind profuser of her own, Too much she gives to some, enough to none.

Stool-ball.

A T Stool-ball, Lucia, let us play, For Sugar-cakes and Wine; Or for a Tanfie let us pay, The losse or thine, or mine.

If thou, my Deere, a winner be
At trundling of the Ball,
The wager thou shalt have, and me,
And my misfortunes all.

But if, my Sweetest, I shall get, Then I desire but this; That likewise I may pay the Bet, And have for all a kisse.

To Sappho.

Love, and live here while we may; Drink rich wine; and make good cheere, While we have our being here: For, once dead, and laid i'th grave, No return from thence we have.

On Poet Prat, Epigr.

PRat He writes Satyres; but herein's the fault, In no one Satyre there's a mite of falt.

Upon Tuck, Epigr.

A T Post and Paire, or Slam, Tom Tuck would play
This Christmas, but his want wherwith, sayes Nay.

Biting of Beggars.

WHo, railing, drives the Lazar from his door, Instead of almes, sets dogs upon the poor.

The May-pole.

THe May-pole is up, Now give me the cup; I'le drink to the Garlands a-round it: But first unto those
Whose hands did compose
The glory of flowers that crown'd it.

A health to my Girles,
Whose husbands may Earles
Or Lords be, (granting my wishes)
And when that ye wed
To the Bridall Bed,
Then multiply all, like to Fishes.

Men mind no State in Sicknesse.

That flow of Gallants which approach To kiffe thy hand from out the coach; That fleet of Lackeyes, which do run Before thy fwift Postilion; Those strong-hoof'd Mules, which we behold, Rein'd in with Purple, Pearl, and gold, And shod with silver, prove to be The drawers of the axeltree.

Thy Wife, thy Children, and the state Of Persian Loomes, and antique Plate: All these, and more, shall then afford No joy to thee their sickly Lord.

Adversity.

A Dversity hurts none, but onely such [much.] Whom whitest Fortune dandled has too

Want.

NEed is no vice at all; though here it be, With men, a loathed inconveniencie.

Griefe.

S Orrowes divided amongst many, lesse Discruciate a man in deep distresse.

Love palpable.

I Prest my Julia's lips, and in the kiffe Her Soule and Love were palpable in this.

No Action hard to Affection.

NOthing hard, or harsh can prove Unto those that truly love.

Meane Things overcome mighty.

BY the weak'st means things mighty are o'rethrown,

He's Lord of thy life, who contemnes his own.

Upon Trigg, Epig.

TRigg having turn'd his sute, he struts in state, And tells the world, he's now regenerate.

Upon Smeaton.

HOw co'd Luke Smeaton weare a shoe, or boot, Who two and thirty cornes had on a foot.

The Bracelet of Pearle: to Silvia.

Brake thy Bracelet 'gainst my will;
And, wretched, I did see
Thee discomposed then, and still
Art discontent with me.

One jemme was loft; and I will get
A richer pearle for thee,
Then ever, dearest Silvia, yet
Was drunk to Antonie.

Or, for revenge, I'le tell thee what
Thou for the breach shalt do;
First, crack the strings, and after that,
Cleave thou my heart in two.

How Roses came red.

'Is faid, as Cupid danc't among
The Gods, he down the Nectar flung;
Which, on the white Rose being shed,
Made it for ever after red.

Kings.

MEn are not born Kings, but are men renown'd; Chose first, confirm'd next, & at last are crown'd.

First Work, and then Wages.

PRepost'rous is that order, when we run
To ask our wages, e're our work be done.

Teares, and Laughter.

K New'st thou, one moneth wo'd take thy life away,
Thou'dst weep; but laugh, sho'd it not last a day.

Glory.

CLory no other thing is, Tullie sayes, [praise. Then a mans frequent Fame, spoke out with

Possessions.

Those possessions short-liv'd are, Into the which we come by warre.

Laxare fibulam.

TO loose the button, is no lesse, Then to cast off all bashfulnesse.

His returne to London.

Rom the dull confines of the drooping West, To see the day spring from the pregnant East, Ravisht in spirit, I come, nay more, I flie To thee, blest place of my Nativitie! Thus, thus with hallowed foot I touch the ground, With thousand bleffings by thy Fortune crown'd. O fruitfull Genius! that bestowest here An everlasting plenty, yeere by yeere. O Place! O People! Manners! fram'd to please All Nations, Customes, Kindreds, Languages! I am a free-born Roman; fuffer then, That I amongst you live a Citizen. London my home is: though by hard fate fent Into a long and irksome banishment; Yet fince cal'd back; henceforward let me be, O native countrey, repossest by thee! For, rather then I'le to the West return, I'le beg of thee first here to have mine Urn. Weak I am grown, and must in short time fall; Give thou my facred Reliques Buriall.

Not every Day fit for Verse.

'Is not ev'ry day, that I Fitted am to prophesie:
No, but when the Spirit sils
The fantastick Pannicles:
Full of sier; then I write
As the Godhead doth indite.
Thus inrag'd, my lines are hurl'd,
Like the Sybells, through the world.
Look how next the holy sier

Either flakes, or doth retire; So the Fancie cooles, till when That brave Spirit comes agen.

Poverty the greatest pack.

TO mortall men great loads allotted be, But of all packs, no pack like poverty.

A Beucolick, or Discourse of Neatherds.

Ome, blithefull Neatherds, let us lay A wager, who the best shall play, Of thee, or I, the Roundelay, That fits the businesse of the Day.

Chor. And Lallage the Judge shall be, To give the prize to thee, or me.

2 Content, begin, and I will bet A Heifer fmooth, and black as jet, In every part alike compleat, And wanton as a Kid as yet.

Chor. And Lallage, with cow-like eyes, Shall be Disposeresse of the prize.

Against thy Heifer, I will here
 Lay to thy stake a lustie Steere,
 With gilded hornes, and burnisht cleere.

Chor. Why then begin, and let us heare

The foft, the fweet, the mellow note That gently purles from eithers Oat.

- 2 The stakes are laid: let's now apply Each one to make his melody:
- Lal. The equall Umpire shall be I, Who'l hear, and so judge righteously.
- Chor. Much time is spent in prate; begin,
 And sooner play, the sooner win.

 [He playes.
 - That's fweetly touch't, I must confesse:
 Thou art a man of worthinesse:
 But hark how I can now expresse
 My love unto my Neatherdesse.
 [He sings.
- Chor. A fuger'd note! and found as fweet As Kine, when they at milking meet.
 - Now for to win thy Heifer faire, I'le strike thee such a nimble Ayre, That thou shalt say, thy selfe, 'tis rare; And title me without compare.
- Chor. Lay by a while your Pipes, and rest, Since both have here deserved best.
 - 2 To get thy Steerling, once again,
 I'le play thee such another strain;
 That thou shalt swear, my Pipe do's raigne
 Over thine Oat, as Soveraigne.

[He sings.

Chor. And Lallage shall tell by this, Whose now the prize and wager is.

- I Give me the prize: 2. The day is mine:
- Not so; my Pipe has silenc't thine: And hadst thou wager'd twenty Kine, Theywere mine own. Lal. Inlove combine.

Chor. And lay we down our Pipes together, As wearie, not o'recome by either.

True safety.

'Is not the Walls, or purple, that defends A Prince from Foes; but 'tis his Fort of Friends.

A Prognostick.

A S many Lawes and Lawyers do expresse Nought but a Kingdoms ill-affectednesse: Ev'n so, those streets and houses do but show Store of diseases, where Physitians slow.

Upon Julia's Sweat.

WO'd ye oyle of Blossomes get? Take it from my Julia's sweat: Oyl of Lillies, and of Spike, From her moysture take the like: Let her breath, or let her blow, All rich spices thence will flow.

Proof to no purpose.

YOu fee this gentle streame, that glides, Shoy'd on, by quick succeeding Tides Shov'd on, by quick fucceeding Tides: Trie if this fober streame you can Follow to th' wilder Ocean: And see, if there it keeps unspent In that congesting element. Next, from that world of waters, then By poares and cavernes back agen Induc't that inadultrate same Streame to the Spring from whence it came. This with a wonder when ye do, As easie, and els easier too: Then may ye recollect the graines Of my particular Remaines; After a thousand Lusters hurld, By ruffling winds, about the world.

Fame.

"Is still observ'd, that Fame ne're sings The order, but the Sum of things.

By Use comes Easinesse.

OFt bend the Bow, and thou with ease shalt do, What others can't with all their strength put to.

To the Genius of his House.

Command the Roofe, great Genius, and from thence
Into this house powre downe thy influence,
That through each room a golden pipe may run
Of living water by thy Benizon.
Fulfill the Larders, and with strengthning bread
Be evermore these Bynns replenished.
Next, like a Bishop consecrate my ground,
That luckie Fairies here may dance their Round:
And after that, lay downe some silver pence,
The Masters charge and care to recompence.
Charme then the chambers; make the beds for ease,
More then for peevish pining sicknesses.
Fix the soundation sast, and let the Roose
Grow old with time, but yet keep weather-proofe.

His Grange, or private Wealth.

Though Clock,
To tell how night drawes hence, I've none,
A Cock,
I have, to fing how day drawes on.
I have
A maid, my Prew, by good luck fent,
To fave
That little, Fates me gave or lent.

A Hen

I keep, which creeking day by day,

Tells when

She goes her long white egg to lay.

A goofe

I have, which, with a jealous eare,

Lets loose

Her tongue, to tell what danger's neare.

A Lamb

I keep (tame) with my morfells fed,

Whose Dam

An Orphan left him (lately dead.)

A Cat

I keep, that playes about my House,

Grown fat,

With eating many a miching Mouse.

To these

A Trasy* I do keep, whereby

I please

The more my rurall privacie:

Which are

But toyes, to give my heart some ease:

Where care

None is, flight things do lightly pleafe.

E

^{*} His Spaniel.

. Good Precepts, or Counsell.

In all thy need, be thou possess.

Still with a well-prepared brest:

Nor let the shackles make thee sad;

Thou canst but have, what others had.

And this for comfort thou must know,

Times that are ill wo'nt still be so.

Clouds will not ever powre down raine;

A fullen day will cleere againe.

First, peales of Thunder we must heare,

Then Lutes and Harpes shall stroke the eare.

Money makes the Mirth.

When all Birds els do of their musick faile, Money's the still-sweet-singing Nightingale.

Up Tailes all.

Begin with a kiffe,
Go on too with this:

And thus, thus, thus let us fmother
Our lips for a while,
But let's not beguile
Our hope of one for the other.

This play, be affur'd, Long enough has endur'd, Since more and more is exacted; For love he doth call For his Uptailes all; And that's the part to be acted.

Upon Franck.

Ranck wo'd go scoure her teeth; and setting Twice two sell out, all rotten at the root. [to't,

Upon Lucia dabled in the Deaw.

MY Lucia in the deaw did go,
And prettily bedabled fo,
Her cloaths held up, she shew'd withall
Her decent legs, cleane, long and small.
I follow'd after to descrie
Part of the nak't sincerity;
But still the envious Scene between
Deni'd the Mask I wo'd have seen.

Charon and Phylomel, a Dialogue fung.

- Ph. C Haron! O gentle Charon! let me wooe thee,
 - By tears and pitie now to come unto mee.
- Ch. What voice so sweet and charming do I heare? Say what thou art. Ph. I prithee first draw neare.
- Ch. A found I heare, but nothing yet can fee, Speakwhere thou art. Ph. O Charon, pittie me!

I am a bird, and though no name I tell, My warbling note will fay I'm Phylomel.

- Ch. What's that to me, I wast nor fish or fowles, Nor Beasts, fond thing, but only humane soules.
- Ph. Alas for me! Ch. Shame on thy witching note,

That made me thus hoist saile, and bring my Boat:

But Ile returne; what mischief brought thee hither?

- Ph. A deale of Love, and much, much Griefe together.
- Ch. What's thy request? Ph. That fince she's now beneath

Who fed my life, I'le follow her in death.

- Ch. And is that all? I'm gone. Ph. By love I pray thee, [me.
- Ch. Talk not of love, all pray, but few foules pay
- Ph. Ile give thee vows & tears. Ch. Can tears pay skores

For mending fails, for patching Boat and Oares?

- Ph. I'le beg a penny, or Ile fing so long, Till thou shalt say, I've paid thee with a song.
- Ch. Why then begin, and all the while we make Our flothfull passage o're the Stygian Lake, Thou & I'le sing to make these dull Shades merry,

Who els with tears wo'd doubtles drown my ferry.

Upon Paul. Epigr.

Pauls hands do give, what give they, bread or meat,
Or money? no, but onely deaw and sweat.
As stones and salt gloves use to give, even so
Pauls hands do give, nought else for ought we know.

Upon Sibb. Epigr.

S lbb when she saw her sace how hard it was, For anger spat on thee her Looking-glasse: But weep not, Christall; for the shame was meant Not unto thee, but That thou didst present.

A Ternarie of Littles, upon a Pipkin of Jellie sent to a Lady.

A Little Saint best fits a little Shrine, A little prop best fits a little Vine, As my small Cruse best fits my little Wine.

A little Seed best fits a little Soyle, A little Trade best fits a little Toyle: As my small Jarre best fits my little Oyle.

A little Bin best fits a little Bread, A little Garland fits a little Head: As my small stuffe best fits my little Shed. A little Hearth best sits a little Fire, A little Chappell sits a little Quire, As my small Bell best sits my little Spire.

A little streame best sits a little Boat; A little lead best sits a little Float; As my small Pipe best sits my little note.

A little meat best fits a little bellie, As sweetly, Lady, give me leave to tell ye, This little Pipkin fits this little Jellie.

Upon the Roses in Julia's Bosome.

Thrice happie Roses, so much grac't, to have Within the Bosome of my Love your grave. Die when ye will, your sepulchre is knowne, Your Grave her Bosome is, the Lawne the Stone.

Maids Nay's are nothing.

MAids nay's are nothing, they are shie But to desire what they denie.

The Smell of the Sacrifice.

The Gods require the thighes Of Beeves for facrifice; Which rosted, we the steam Must facrifice to them: Who though they do not eat, Yet love the smell of meat.

Lovers how they come and part.

A Gyges Ring they beare about them still,

To be, and not seen when and where they
will.

They tread on clouds, and though they fometimes fall,

They fall like dew, but make no noise at all. So filently they one to th' other come, As colours steale into the Peare or Plum, And Aire-like, leave no pression to be seen. Where e're they met, or parting place has been.

To Women, to hide their Teeth, if they be rotten or rusty.

CLose keep your lips, if that you meane To be accounted inside cleane: For if you cleave them, we shall see There in your teeth much Leprosie.

In Praise of Women.

Of woman-kind, first die I will; Since that I know, 'mong all the rest Of creatures, woman is the best.

The Apron of Flowers.

TO gather Flowers Sappha went, And homeward she did bring Within her Lawnie Continent, The treasure of the Spring.

She fmiling blusht, and blushing smil'd, And sweetly blushing thus, She lookt as she'd been got with child By young Favonius.

Her Apron gave (as she did passe)
An Odor more divine,
More pleasing too, then ever was
The lap of *Proserpine*.

The Candor of Julia's Teeth.

White as Zenobias teeth, the which the Girles Of Rome did weare for their most precious Pearles.

Upon her weeping.

She feem'd to quench loves fires that there did glow.

Another upon her weeping.

She by the River fate, and fitting there, She wept, and made it deeper by a teare.

Delay.

BReak off Delay, fince we but read of one That ever prosper'd by Cunctation.

To Sir John Berkley, Governour of Exeter.

STand forth, brave man, fince Fate has made The Hettor over Aged Exeter; [thee here Who for a long fad time has weeping stood, Like a poore Lady lost in Widdowhood: But feares not now to see her safety sold (As other Townes and Cities were) for gold, By those ignoble Births, which shame the stem That gave Progermination unto them: Whose restlesse Ghosts shall heare their children sing,

Our Sires betraid their Countrey and their King.
True, if this Citie seven times rounded was
With rock, and seven times circumstankt with
braffe,

Yet if thou wert not, Berkley, loyall proofe, The Senators down tumbling with the Roofe, Would into prais'd (but pitied) ruines fall, Leaving no shew, where stood the Capitoll. But thou art just and itchlesse, and dost please Thy Genius with two strength'ning Buttresses, Faith, and Affection: which will never slip To weaken this thy great Dictator-ship.

To Electra. Love looks for Love.

Ove love begets, then never be Unfoft to him who's smooth to thee. Tygers and Beares (I've heard some say) For profer'd love will love repay:
None are so harsh, but if they find Softnesse in others, will be kind;
Affection will affection move,
Then you must like, because I love.

Regression spoiles Resolution.

HAst thou attempted greatnesse? then go on, Back-turning slackens Resolution.

Contention.

DIfcreet and prudent we that Difcord call, That either profits, or not hurts at all.

Consultation.

Onfult ere thou begin'st, that done, go on With all wise speed for execution.

Love dislikes nothing.

WHatsoever thing I see, Rich or poore although it be; 'Tis a Mistresse unto mee.

Be my Girle, or faire or browne, Do's she smile, or do's she frowne: Still I write a Sweet-heart downe.

Be she rough, or smooth of skin; When I touch, I then begin For to let Affection in.

Be she bald, or do's she weare Locks incurl'd of other haire; I shall find enchantment there.

Be she whole, or be she rent, So my fancie be content, She's to me most excellent.

Be she fat, or be she leane, Be she sluttish, be she cleane, I'm a man for ev'ry Sceane.

Our own Sinnes unseen.

OTher mens sins wee ever beare in mind; None sees the fardell of his faults behind.

No Paines, no Gaines.

IF little labour, little are our gaines:
Mans fortunes are according to his paines.

Upon Slouch.

Shouch he packs up, and goes to fev'rall Faires, And weekly Markets for to fell his wares: Meane time that he from place to place do's rome, His wife her owne ware fells as fast at home.

Vertue best united.

BY fo much, vertue is the leffe, By how much, neere to fingleneffe.

The eye.

A Wanton and lascivious eye Betrayes the Hearts Adulterie. To Prince Charles upon his coming to Exeter.

WHat Fate decreed, Time now ha's made us

A Renovation of the West by Thee.

That Preternaturall Fever, which did threat
Death to our Countrey, now hath lost his heat:
And calmes succeeding, we perceive no more
Th' unequall Pulse to beat, as heretofore.
Something there yet remaines for Thee to do;
Then reach those ends that thou wast destin'd to.
Go on with Sylla's Fortune; let thy Fate
Make Thee like Him, this, that way fortunate,
Apollos Image side with Thee to blesse
Thy Warre, discreetly made, with white successe.
Meane time thy Prophets Watch by Watch shall
pray;

While young *Charles* fights, and fighting wins the day.

That done, our fmooth-pac't Poems all shall be Sung in the high *Doxologie* of Thee.

Then maids shall strew Thee, and thy Curles from them

Receive, with Songs, a flowrie Diadem.

A Song.

B^{Urne}, or drowne me, choose ye whether, So I may but die together: Thus to flay me by degrees, Is the height of Cruelties. What needs twenty ftabs, when one Strikes me dead as any ftone? O flew mercy then, and be Kind at once to murder mee.

Princes and Favourites.

PRinces and Fav'rites are most deere, while they
By giving and receiving hold the play:
But the Relation then of both growes poor,
When These can aske, and Kings can give no more.

Examples, or like Prince, like People.

E Xamples lead us, and wee likely see, Such as the Prince is, will his People be.

Potentates.

Ove and the Graces evermore do wait Upon the man that is a Potentate.

The Wake.

Ome, Anthea, let us two
Go to Feast, as others do.
Tarts and Custards, Creams and Cakes,

Are the Junketts still at Wakes: Unto which the Tribes refort. Where the businesse is the sport: Morris-dancers thou shalt see, Marian too in Pagentrie: And a Mimick to devise Many grinning properties. Players there will be, and those Base in action as in clothes: Yet with strutting they will please The incurious Villages. Neer the dying of the day, There will be a Cudgell-Play, Where a Coxcomb will be broke, Ere a good word can be spoke: But the anger ends all here, Drencht in Ale, or drown'd in Beere. Happy Rusticks, best content With the cheapest Merriment: And possesse no other feare, Then to want the Wake next Yeare.

The Peter-penny.

Resh strowings allow
To my Sepulcher now,
To make my lodging the sweeter;
A staffe or a wand
Put then in my hand,
With a pennie to pay S. Peter.

Who has not a Croffe,
Must sit with the losse,
And no whit further must venture;
Since the Porter he
Will paid have his see,
Or els not one there must enter.

Who at a dead lift,
Can't fend for a gift
A Pig to the Priest for a Roster,
Shall heare his Clarke say,
By yea and by nay,
No pennie, no Pater Noster.

To Doctor Alablaster.

Or art thou lesse esteem'd, that I have plac'd (Amongst mine honour'd) Thee (almost) the last:

In great Processions many lead the way
To him, who is the triumph of the day,
As these have done to Thee, who art the one,
One onely glory of a million,
In whom the spirit of the Gods do's dwell,
Firing thy soule, by which thou dost foretell
When this or that vast Dinastie must fall
Downe to a Fillit more Imperiall.
When this or that Horne shall be broke, and when
Others shall spring up in their place agen:

When times and seasons and all yeares must lie Drown'd in the Sea of wild Eternitie:

When the Black Dooms-day Bookes (as yet unfeal'd)

Shall by the mighty Angell be reveal'd:
And when the Trumpet which thou late hast found
Shall call to Judgment; tell us when the found
Of this or that great Aprill day shall be,
And next the Gospell wee will credit thee.
Meane time like Earth-wormes we will craule
below,

And wonder at Those Things that thou dost know.

Upon his Kinswoman Mrs. M.S.

Her lies a Virgin, and as fweet
As ere was wrapt in winding sheet.
Her name if next you wo'd have knowne,
The Marble speaks it Mary Stone:
Who dying in her blooming yeares,
This Stone, for names sake, melts to teares.
If, fragrant Virgins, you'l but keep
A Fast, while Jets and Marbles weep,
And praying, strew some Roses on her,
You'l do my Neice abundant honour.

Felicitie knowes no Fence.

OF both our Fortunes good and bad we find Prosperitie more searching of the mind:

Felicitie flies o're the Wall and Fence, While misery keeps in with patience.

Death ends all Woe.

Time is the Bound of things, where e're we go, Fate gives a meeting. Death's the end of woe.

A Conjuration, to Electra.

BY those soft Tods of wooll With which the aire is full: By all those Tinctures there. That paint the Hemisphere: By Dewes and drisling Raine, That fwell the Golden Graine: By all those sweets that be I'th flowrie Nunnerie: By filent Nights, and the Three Formes of Heccate: By all Aspects that blesse The fober Sorceresse, While juice she straines, and pith To make her Philters with: By Time, that hastens on Things to perfection: And by your felf, the best Conjurement of the rest: O my Electra! be In love with none, but me.

Courage cool'd.

Cannot love, as I have lov'd before:
For I'm grown old &, with mine age, grown
poore:

Love must be fed by wealth: this blood of mine Must needs wax cold, if wanting bread and wine.

The Spell.

HOly Water come and bring; Cast in Salt, for seasoning: Set the Brush for sprinkling: Sacred Spittle bring ye hither; Meale and it now mix together; And a little Oyle to either: Give the Tapers here their light, Ring the Saints-Bell, to affright Far from hence the evill Sp'rite.

His Wish to Privacie.

GIve me a Cell
To dwell,
Where no foot hath
A path:
There will I fpend,
And end
My wearied yeares
In teares.

A good Husband.

A Master of a house (as I have read)
Must be the first man up, and last in bed:
With the Sun rising he must walk his grounds;
See this, View that, and all the other bounds:
Shut every gate; mend every hedge that's torne,
Either with old, or plant therein new thorne:
Tread ore his gleab, but with such care, that where
He sets his foot, he leaves rich compost there.

A Hymne to Bacchus.

Sing thy praise, Iacchus, Who with thy Thyrse dost thwack us: And yet thou so dost back us With boldness that we feare No Brutus entring here; Nor Cate the severe. What though the Lictors threat us, We know they dare not beate us; So long as thou doft heat us. When we thy Orgies fing, Each Cobler is a King; Nor dreads he any thing: And though he doe not rave, Yet he'l the courage have To call my Lord Maior knave; Besides too, in a brave,

Although he has no riches,
But walks with dangling breeches,
And skirts that want their stiches,
And shewes his naked slitches;
Yet he'le be thought or seen,
So good as George-a-Green;
And calls his Blouze, his Queene;
And speaks in language keene:
O Bacchus! let us be
From cares and troubles free;
And thou shalt heare how we
Will chant new Hymnes to thee.

Upon Pusse and her Prentice. Epig.

PUffe and her Prentice both at Draw-gloves play; That done, they kiffe, and so draw out the day: At night they draw to Supper; then well fed, They draw their clothes off both, so draw to bed.

Blame the reward of Princes.

A Mong disafters that discention brings, This not the least is, which belongs to Kings. If Wars goe well; each for a part layes claime: If ill, then Kings, not Souldiers beare the blame.

Clemency in Kings.

K Ings must not only cherish up the good, But must be niggards of the meanest bloud.

Anger.

WRongs, if neglected, vanish in short time; But heard with anger, we confesse the crime.

A Psalme or Hymne to the Graces.

GLory be to the Graces!
That doe in publike places,
Drive thence what ere encumbers,
The liftning to my numbers.

Honour be to the Graces!
Who doe with fweet embraces,
Shew they are well contented
With what I have invented.

Worship be to the Graces! Who do from sowre faces, And lungs that wo'd infect me, For evermore protect me.

An Hymne to the Muses.

HOnour to you who fit!
Neere to the well of wit;
And drink your fill of it.
Glory and worship be!
To you, sweet Maids (thrice three)

Who still inspire me.

And teach me how to fing Unto the *Lyrick* string My measures ravishing.

Then while I fing your praife, My *Priest-hood* crown with bayes Green, to the end of dayes.

Upon Julia's Clothes.

When as in filks my Julia goes,
Then, then (me thinks) how fweetly flowes
That liquefaction of her clothes.

Next, when I cast mine eyes and see That brave Vibration each way free; O how that glittering taketh me!

Moderation.

In things a moderation keepe,

Kings ought to sheare, not skin their sheepe.

To Anthea.

Ets call for Hymen if agreed thou art;

Delays in love but crucifie the heart.

Loves thornie Tapers yet neglected lye:

Speak thou the word, they'l kindle by and by.

The nimble howers wooe us on to wed,

And Genius waits to have us both to bed.

Behold, for us the Naked Graces stay
With maunds of roses for to strew the way:
Besides, the most religious Prophet stands
Ready to joyne, as well our hearts as hands.
June yet smiles; but if she chance to chide,
Ill luck 'twill bode to th' Bridegroome and the
Bride.

Tell me, Anthea, dost thou fondly dread The loss of that we call a Maydenhead? Come, Ile instruct thee. Know, the vestall fier Is not by mariage quencht, but flames the higher.

Upon Prew his Maid.

In this little Urne is laid

Prewdence Baldwin (once my maid)

From whose happy spark here let

Spring the purple Violet.

The Invitation.

TO sup with thee thou didst me home invite;
And mad'st a promise that mine appetite
Sho'd meet and tire, on such lautitious meat,
The like not Heliogabalus did eat:
And richer Wine wo'dst give to me, thy guest,
Then Roman Sylla powr'd out at his feast.
I came; tis true, and lookt for Fowle of price,
The bastard Phenix; bird of Paradice;
And for no less then Aromatick Wine

Of Maydens-blush, commixt with Jessimine.

Cleane was the herth, the mantle larded jet;

Which wanting Lar, and smoke, hung weeping wet;

At last, i'th'noone of winter, did appeare
A ragd-soust-neats-soot with sick vineger:
And in a burnisht Flagonet stood by
Beere small as Comfort, dead as Charity.
At which amaz'd, and pondring on the sood,
How cold it was, and how it child my blood;
I curst the master; and I damn'd the souce;
And swore I'de got the ague of the house.
Well, when to eat thou dost me next desire,
I'le bring a Fever; since thou keep'st no sire.

Ceremonies for Christmasse.

Ome, bring with a noife,
My merrie merrie boyes,
The Christmas Log to the firing;
While my good Dame, she
Bids ye all be free;
And drink to your hearts desiring.

With the last yeeres brand Light the new block, And For good successe in his spending, On your Psaltries play, That sweet luck may Come while the Log is a teending. Drink now the strong Beere,
Cut the white loase here,
The while the meat is a shredding;
For the rare Mince-Pie
And the Plums stand by
To fill the Paste that's a kneading.

Christmasse-Eve, another Ceremonie.

Ome guard this night the Christmas-Pie, That the Thiefe, though ne'r so slie, With his Flesh-hooks, don't come nie To catch it.

From him, who all alone fits there, Having his eyes still in his eare, And a deale of nightly feare

To watch it.

Another to the Maids.

WAsh your hands, or else the fire Will not teend to your desire; Unwasht hands, ye Maidens, know, Dead the Fire, though ye blow.

Another.

WAssaile the Trees, that they may beare You many a Plum, and many a Peare:

For more or leffe fruits they will bring, As you doe give them Wassailing.

Power and Peace.

'Is never, or but seldome knowne, Power and Peace to keep one Throne.

To his deare Valentine, Mistresse Margaret Falconbrige.

Now is your turne, my Dearest, to be set A Jem in this eternall Coronet: 'Twas rich before; but since your Name is downe, It sparkles now like Ariadne's Crowne. Blaze by this Sphere for ever: Or this doe, Let Me and It shine evermore by you.

To Oenone.

SWeet Oenone, doe but say Love thou dost, though Love sayes Nay. Speak me faire; for Lovers be Gently kill'd by Flatterie.

Verses.

W Ho will not honour Noble Numbers, when Verses out-live the bravest deeds of men?

Happinesse.

THat Happines do's still the longest thrive, Where Joyes and Griefs have Turns Alternative.

Things of Choice, long a comming.

WE pray'gainst Warre, yet we enjoy no Peace; Desire deserr'd is, that it may encrease.

Poetry perpetuates the Poet.

HEre I my selfe might likewise die, And utterly forgotten lye, But that eternall Poetrie Repullulation gives me here Unto the thirtieth thousand yeere, When all now dead shall re-appeare.

Upon Bice.

B lce laughs, when no man speaks; and doth protest

It is his own breech there that breaks the jest.

Upon Trencherman.

Tom shifts the Trenchers; yet he never can Endure that luke-warme name of Servingman: Serve or not serve, let *Tom* doe what he can, He is a serving, who's a Trencher-man.

Kiffes.

GIve me the food that satisfies a Guest: Kisses are but dry banquets to a Feast.

Orpheus.

Rpheus he went (as Poets tell)
To fetch Euridice from Hell;
And had her; but it was upon
This fhort but strict condition:
Backward he should not looke while he
Led her through Hells obscuritie:
But ah! it hapned as he made
His passage through that dreadfull shade:
Revolve he did his loving eye;
(For gentle feare, or jelousie)
And looking back, that look did sever
Him and Euridice for ever.

Upon Comely a good Speaker but an ill Singer, Epig.

Omely Acts well; and when he speaks his part, He doth it with the sweetest tones of Art: But when he sings a Pfalme, ther's none can be More curst for singing out of tune then he.

Any Way for Wealth.

E'Ene all Religious courses to be rich Hath been reherst, by Joell Michelditch: But now perceiving that it still do's please The sterner Fates, to cross his purposes; He tacks about, and now he doth profess Rich he will be by all unrighteousness: Thus if our ship fails of her Anchor hold, We'l love the Divell, so he lands the gold.

Upon an old Woman.

Old widdow *Prouse* to do her neighbours evill Wo'd give (some say) her soule unto the Devill.

Well, when sh'as kild that Pig, Goose, Cock or Hen,

What wo'd she give to get that soule agen?

Upon Pearch. Epig.

Hou writes in Prose, how sweet all Virgins be; But ther's not one, doth praise the smell of thee.

To Sapho.

S Apho, I will chuse to go
Where the Northern winds do blow

Endlesse Ice, and endlesse Snow: Rather then I once wo'd see, But a Winters face in thee, To benumme my hopes and me.

To his faithfull Friend, Master John Crosts, Cup-bearer to the King.

Por all thy many courtefies to me,
Nothing I have, my Crofts, to fend to Thee
For the requitall; fave this only one
Halfe of my just remuneration.
For fince I've travail'd all this Realm throughout
To feeke, and find some few Immortals out
To circumspangle this my spacious Sphere,
(As Lamps for everlasting shining here:)
And having fixt Thee in mine Orbe a Starre,
Amongst the rest, both bright and singular;
The present Age will tell the world thou art
If not to th' whole, yet satisfy'd in part.
As for the rest, being too great a summe
Here to be paid; Ile pay't i'th'world to come.

The Bride-Cake.

This day, my Julia, thou must make
For Mistresse Bride, the wedding Cake:
Knead but the Dow, and it will be
To paste of Almonds turn'd by thee:

Or kiffe it thou, but once, or twice, And for the Bride-Cake ther'l be Spice.

To be merry.

L Ets now take our time;
While w'are in our Prime;
And old, old Age is a farre off:
For the evill evill dayes
Will come on apace;
Before we can be aware of.

Buriall.

M An may want Land to live in; but for all, Nature finds out some place for buriall.

Lenitie.

'T Is the Chyrurgions praise, and height of Art, Not to cut off, but cure the vicious part.

Penitence.

W Ho after his transgression doth repent, Is halfe, or altogether innocent.

Griefe.

Onsider sorrowes, how they are aright:

Griefe, if't be great, 'tis short; if long, 'tis light.

The Maiden-blush.

SO look the mornings when the Sun Paints them with fresh Vermilion: So Cherries blush, and Kathern Peares, And Apricocks, in youthfull yeares: So Corrolls looke more lovely Red, And Rubies lately polished: So purest Diaper doth shine, Stain'd by the Beames of Clarret wine: As Julia looks when she doth dress Her either cheeke with bashfullness.

The Meane.

Mpariție doth ever discord bring: The Mean the Musique makes in every thing,

Haste hurtfull.

Afte is unhappy: What we Rashly do Is both unluckie; I, and foolish too. There War with rashnesse is attempted, there is Soldiers leave the Field with equals feare.

Purgatory.

R Eaders, wee entreat ye pray For the foule of Lucia;

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That in little time she be From her *Purgatory* free: In th' *intrim* she desires That your teares may coole her fires.

The Cloud.

S Eest thou that Cloud that rides in State Part Ruby-like, part Candidate? It is no other then the Bed Where Venus sleeps, halfe smothered.

Upon Loach.

SEeal'd up with Night-gum, Loach each morning lyes,
Till his Wife licking, so unglews his eyes.
No question then, but such a lick is sweet,
When a warm tongue do's with such Ambers meet.

The Amber Bead.

I Saw a Flie within a Beade
Of Amber cleanly buried:
The Urne was little, but the room
More rich then Cleopatra's Tombe.

To my dearest Sister M. Mercie Herrick.

W Hen ere I go, or what so ere befalls
Me in mine Age, or forraign Funerals,

This Bleffing I will leave thee, ere I go,
Prosper thy Basket, and therein thy Dow.
Feed on the paste of Filberts, or else knead
And Bake the floure of Amber for thy bread.
Balm may thy Trees drop, and thy Springs runne
oyle,

And everlasting Harvest crown thy Soile! These I but wish for; but thy selfe shall see, The Blessing sall in mellow times on Thee.

The Transfiguration.

Mmortall clothing I put on, So foone as Julia I am gon To mine eternall Mansion.

Thou, thou art here, to humane fight Cloth'd all with incorrupted light; But yet how more admir'dly bright

Wilt thou appear, when thou art set In thy refulgent Thronelet, That shin'st thus in thy counterseit?

Suffer that thou canst not shift.

DO's Fortune rend thee? Beare with thy hard Fate:

Vertuous instructions ne'r are delicate.
Say, do's she frown? still countermand her threats:
Vertue best loves those children that she beates.

To the Passenger.

IF I lye unburied, Sir,
These my Reliques, pray, interre:
'Tis religious part to see
Stones, or turses to cover me.
One word more I had to say;
But it skills not; go your way;
He that wants a buriall roome
For a Stone, ha's Heaven his Tombe.

Upon Nodes.

Where ever *Nodes* do's in the Summer come, He prayes his Harvest may be well brought home.

What store of Corn has carefull *Nodes*, thinke you, Whose Field his foot is, and whose Barn his shooe?

TO THE KING, Upon his taking of Leicester.

THis Day is Yours, Great CHARLES! and in this War
Your Fate, and Ours, alike Victorious are.
In her white Stole; now Victory do's rest Enspher'd with Palm on Your Triumphant Crest.
Fortune is now Your Captive; other Kings Hold but her hands; You hold both hands and wings.

To Julia, in her Dawn, or Day-breake.

BY the next kindling of the day My Julia thou shalt see, Ere Ave-Mary thou canst say Ile come and visit thee.

Yet ere thou counsel'st with thy Glasse, Appeare thou to mine eyes As smooth, and nak't, as she that was The prime of Paradice.

If blush thou must, then blush thou through A Lawn, that thou mayst looke
As purest Pearles, or Pebles do
When peeping through a Brooke.

As Lillies shrin'd in Christall, so
Do thou to me appeare;
Or Damask Roses when they grow
To sweet acquaintance there.

Counsell.

'T Was Gefars faying: Kings no lesse Conquerors are
By their wise Counsell, then they be by Warre.

Bad Princes pill their People.

L Ike those infernal Deities which eate The best of all the sacrificed meate; And leave their fervants, but the smoak & sweat: So many Kings, and Primates too there are, Who claim the Fat, and Fleshie for their share, And leave their Subjects but the starved ware.

Most Words, lesse Workes.

IN desp'rate cases, all, or most are known Commanders, few for execution.

To Dianeme.

I Co'd but see thee yesterday Stung by a fretfull Bee; And I the Javelin suckt away, And heal'd the wound in thee.

A thousand thorns, and Bryars & Stings,
I have in my poore Brest;
Yet ne'r can see that salve which brings
My Passions any rest.

As Love shall helpe me, I admire
How thou canst sit and smile,
To see me bleed, and not desire
To stench the blood the while.

If thou compos'd of gentle mould Art fo unkind to me; What dismall Stories will be told Of those that cruell be?

Upon Tap.

T Ap (better known then trusted) as we heare, Sold his old Mothers Spectacles for Beere: And not unlikely; rather too then fail, He'l sell her Eyes, and Nose, for Beere and Ale.

His Loffe.

A LL has been plundered from me, but my wit; Fortune her selse can lay no claim to it.

Draw, and Drinke.

MIlk stil your Fountains, and your Springs, for why?

The more th'are drawn, the lesse they wil grow dry.

Upon Punchin. Epig.

GIve me a reason why men call Punchin a dry plant-animall.

Because as Plants by water grow,

Punchin by Beere and Ale spreads so.

To Oenone.

THou sayest Loves Dart Hath prickt thy heart; And thou do'ft languish too:
If one poore prick,
Can make thee sick,
Say, what wo'd many do?

Upon Blinks. Epig.

Tom Blinks, his Nose is full of wheales, and these
Tom calls not pimples, but Pimpleides:
Sometimes, in mirth, he sayes each whelk's a sparke
(When drunke with Beere) to light him home,
i'th'dark.

Upon Adam Peapes. Epig.

PEapes he do's strut, and pick his Teeth, as if His jawes had tir'd on some large Chine of Beefe.

But nothing so: The Dinner Adam had, Was cheese full ripe with Teares, with Bread as sad.

To Electra.

Shall I go to Love and tell, Thou art all turn'd ificle? Shall I fay her Altars be Difadorn'd, and fcorn'd by thee? O beware! in time fubmit; Love has yet no wrathfull fit: If her patience turns to ire, Love is then consuming fire.

To Mistresse Amie Potter.

A I me! I love, give him your hand to kiffe
Who both your wooer and your Poet is.
Nature has pre-compos'd us both to Love;
Your part's to grant; my Scean must be to move.
Deare, can you like, and liking love your Poet?
If you say, I, Blush-guiltinesse will shew it.
Mine eyes must wooe you, though I sigh the while,

True Love is tonguelesse as a Crocodile.

And you may find in Love these differing Parts;

Wooers have Tongues of Ice, but burning hearts.

Upon a Maide.

Here she lyes, in Bed of Spice, Faire as Eve in Paradice:
For her beauty it was such
Poets co'd not praise too much.
Virgins, come, and in a Ring
Her supreamest Requiem sing;
Then depart, but see ye tread
Lightly, lightly ore the dead.

Upon Love.

Ove is a Circle, and an Endlesse Sphere; From good to good, revolving here & there.

Beauty.

BEauti's no other but a lovely Grace
Of lively colours, flowing from the face.

Upon Love.

Some falve to every fore, we may apply; Only for my wound there's no remedy. Yet if my Julia kiffe me, there will be A foveraign balme found out to cure me.

Upon Hanch, a Schoolmaster. Epig.

Hanch, fince he lately did interre his wife, He weepes and fighs, as weary of his life. Say, is't for reall griefe he mourns? not so; Teares have their springs from joy, as well as woe.

Upon Peason. Epig.

Ong Locks of late our Zelot Peason weares,
Not for to hide his high and mighty eares;
No, but because he wo'd not have it seen,
That Stubble stands, where once large eares have been.

To his Booke.

MAke haste away, and let one be A friendly Patron unto thee: Lest rapt from hence, I see thee lye Torn for the use of Pasterie: Or see thy injur'd Leaves serve well, To make loose Gownes for Mackarell: Or see the Grocers in a trice, Make hoods of thee to serve out Spice.

Readinesse.

THe readinesse of doing, doth expresse. No other, but the doer's willingnesse.

Writing.

When words we want, Love teacheth to endite;
And what we blush to speake, she bids us write.

Society.

Two things do make society to stand;
The first Commerce is, & the next Command.

Upon a Maid.

GOne she is a long, long way, But she has decreed a day Back to come, and make no stay: So we keepe, till her returne Here, her ashes, or her Urne.

Satisfaction for Sufferings.

Por all our Workes, a Recompence is fure:
Tis fweet to thinke on what was hard t' endure.

The delaying Bride.

Why so slowly do you move To the centre of your love? On your niceness though we wait, Yet the Houres say 'tis late: Coynesse takes us to a measure; But o'rasted deads the pleasure. Go to Bed, and care not when Cheerfull day shall spring agen. One Brave Captain did command, By his word, the Sun to stand: One short charme if you but say Will enforce the Moon to stay, Till you warn her hence, away, T'ave your blushes seen by day.

To M. Henry Lawes, the excellent Composer of his Lyricks.

TOuch but thy Lire, my Harrie, and I heare From thee some raptures of the rare Gotire. Then if thy voice commingle with the String, I heare in thee the Laniere to sing; Or curious Wilson: Tell me, canst thou be Less then Apollo, that usurp'st such Three? Three, unto whom the whole world give applause; Yet their Three praises, praise but One; that's Lawes.

Age unfit for Love.

Maidens tell me I am old;
Let me in my Glasse behold
Whether smooth or not I be,
Or if haire remaines to me.
Well, or be't or be't not so,
This for certainty I know;
Ill it fits old men to play,
When that Death bids come away.

The Bed-man, or Grave-maker.

Thou hast made many Houses for the Dead; When my Lot calls me to be buried, For Love or Pittie, prethee let there be I'th' Church-yard made one Tenement for me.

To Anthea.

A Nthea, I am going hence
With fome small stock of innocence:
But yet those blessed gates I see
Withstanding entrance unto me.
To pray for me doe thou begin,
The Porter then will let me in.

Need.

Who begs to die for feare of humane need, Wisheth his body, not his soule, good speed.

To Julia.

Am zeallesse; prethee pray For my well-fare, Julia, For I thinke the gods require Male perfumes, but Female sire.

On Julia's Lips.

SWeet are my Julia's lips, and cleane As if or'e washt in Hippocrene.

Twilight.

TWilight, no other thing is, Poets fay, Then the last part of night, and first of day.

To his Friend, Master J. Jincks.

Ove, love me now, because I place
Thee here among my righteous race:
The bastard Slips may droop and die
Wanting both Root, and Earth; but thy
Immortall selfe shall boldly trust
To live for ever, with my Just.

On Himselfe.

If that my Fate has now fulfill'd my yeere,
And so soone stopt my longer living here;
What was't, ye Gods! a dying man to save,
But while he met with his Paternall grave;
Though while we living bout the world do roame,
We love to rest in peaceful Urnes at home,
Where we may snug, and close together lye,
By the dead bones of our deare Ancestrie.

Kings and Tyrants.

'TWixt Kings & Tyrants there's this difference known;
Kings seek their Subjects' good: Tyrants their owne.

Crosses.

O^{Ur} Crosses are no other then the rods, And our Diseases, Vultures of the Gods: Each griefe we feele, that likewise is a Kite Sent forth by them, our flesh to eate, or bite.

Upon Love.

Ove brought me to a filent Grove,
And shew'd me there a Tree,
Where some had hang'd themselves for love,
And gave a Twist to me.

The Halter was of filk, and gold, That he reacht forth unto me: No otherwife, then if he would By dainty things undo me.

He bade me then that Neck-lace use; And told me too, he maketh A glorious end by such a Noose, His Death for Love that taketh.

'Twas but a dream; but had I been There really alone; My desp'rate seares, in love, had seen Mine Execution.

No Difference i' th' Dark.

Ight makes no difference 'twixt the Priest and Clark;

Jone as my Lady is as good i'th' dark.

The Body.

THe Body is the Soules poore house, or home, Whose Ribs the Laths are, & whose Flesh the Loame.

To Sapho.

Thou faist thou lov'st me, Sapho; I say no; But would to Love I could believe 'twas so! Pardon my feares, sweet Sapho; I desire That thou be righteous found; and I the Lyer.

Out of Time, out of Tune.

WE blame, nay, we despise her paines
That wets her Garden when it raines:
But when the drought has dri'd the knot,
Then let her use the watring pot.
We pray for showers, at our need,
To drench, but not to drown our seed.

To his Booke.

These mine advise, and go not neere Those faces, sower as Vineger. For these, and Nobler numbers can Ne'r please the supercillious man.

To his honour'd Friend, Sir Thomas Heale.

S Tand by the Magick of my powerfull Rhymes 'Gainst all the indignation of the Times. Age shall not wrong thee; or one jot abate Of thy both Great, and everlasting fate. While others perish, here's thy life decreed Because begot of my Immortall seed.

The Sacrifice, by way of Discourse betwixt Himselse and Julia.

Herr. COme and let's in folemn wife Both addresse to facrifice:

- Old Religion first commands
 That we wash our hearts, and hands.
 Is the beast exempt from staine,
 Altar cleane, no fire prophane?
 Are the Garlands, Is the Nard
 Ready here?
 - Jul. All well prepar'd,
 With the Wine that must be shed,
 Twixt the hornes, upon the head
 Of the holy Beast we bring
 For our Trespasse-offering.

Herr. All is well; now next to these
Put we on pure Surplices;
And with Chaplets crown'd, we'l rost
With perfumes the Holocaust:

And, while we the gods invoke, Reade acceptance by the smoake.

To Apollo.

Thou mighty Lord and Master of the Lyre, Unshorn Apollo, come, and re-inspire My fingers so, the Lyrick-strings to move, That I may play, and sing a Hymne to Love.

On Love.

Ove is a kind of warre: Hence those who feare;
No cowards must his royall Ensignes beare.

Another.

Where love begins, there dead thy first desire:
A sparke neglected makes a mighty fire.

An Hymne to Cupid.

Thou, thou that bear'st the sway
With whom the Sea-Nimphs play;
And Venus, every way:
When I embrace thy knee;
And make short pray'rs to thee:
In love, then prosper me.
This day I goe to wooe;

Inftruct me how to doe
This worke thou put'ff me too.
From shame my face keepe free,
From scorne I begge of thee,
Love to deliver me:
So shall I sing thy praise;
And to thee Altars raise,
Unto the end of daies,

To Electra.

Let not thy Tomb-stone er'e be laid by me:
Nor let my Herse be wept upon by thee:
But let that instant when thou dy'st be known,
The minute of mine expiration.
One knell be rung for both; and let one grave
To hold us two, an endlesse honour have.

How his soule came ensnared.

MY foule would one day goe and seeke For Roses, and in Julia's cheeke A richess of those sweets she found, As in an other Rosemond.

But gathering Roses as she was;

Not knowing what would come to passe, It chanst a ringlet of her haire,

Caught my poore soule, as in a snare:

Which ever since has been in thrall;

Yet freedome, shee enjoyes withall.

Factions.

The factions of the great ones call,
To fide with them, the Commons all.

Kisses Loathsome.

Abhor the slimie kisse,
Which to me most loathsome is.
Those lips please me which are plac't
Close, but not too strictly lac't:
Yeilding I wo'd have them; yet
Not a wimbling Tongue admit:
What sho'd poking-sticks make there,
When the russe is set elsewhere?

Upon Reape.

Reapes eyes fo rawe are, that, it seemes, the flyes

Mistake the flesh, and flye-blow both his eyes;

So that an Angler, for a daies expence,

May baite his hooke, with maggots taken thence.

Upon Teage.

Teage has told lyes so long, that when Teage tells
Truth, yet Teages truths are untruths, nothing else.

Upon Julia's Haire, bundled up in a golden net.

TEll me, what needs those rich deceits,
These golden Toyles, and Trammel-nets,
To take thine haires when they are knowne
Already tame, and all thine owne?
'Tis I am wild, and more then haires
Deserve these Mashes and those snares.
Set free thy Tresses, let them slow
As aires doe breathe, or winds doe blow:
And let such curious Net-works be
Lesse fet for them, then spred for me.

Upon Truggin.

TRuggin a Footman was; but now, growne lame,
Truggin now lives but to belye his name.

The Showre of Blossomes.

Ove in a showre of Blossomes came
Down, and halfe drown'd me with the same:
The Blooms that fell were white and red;
But with such sweets commingled,
As whether, this, I cannot tell
My sight was pleas'd more, or my smell:

But true it was, as I rowl'd there,
Without a thought of hurt, or feare;
Love turn'd himselfe into a Bee,
And with his Javelin wounded me:
From which mishap this use I make,
Where most sweets are, there lyes a Snake:
Kisses and Favours are sweet things;
But Those have thorns, and These have stings.

Upon Spenke.

Senke has a strong breath, yet short Prayers faith:

Not out of want of breath, but want of faith.

A Defence for Women.

Aught are all Women: I say no, Since for one Bad, one Good I know: For Clytemnestra most unkind, Loving Alcestis there we find: For one Medea that was bad, A good Penelope was had: For wanton Lais, then we have Chaste Lucrece, or a wife as grave: And thus through Woman-kind we see A Good and Bad. Sirs, credit me.

Upon Lulls.

Ulls fwears he is all heart; but you'l suppose By his Probossis that he is all nose.

Slavery.

'TIs liberty to ferve one Lord; but he Who many ferves, ferves base fervility.

Charmes.

BRing the holy crust of Bread, Lay it underneath the head; 'Tis a certain Charm to keep Hags away, while Children sleep.

Another.

Let the fuperstitious wife
Neer the child's heart lay a knife:
Point be up, and Hast be downe;
While she gossips in the towne,
This 'mongst other mystick charms
Keeps the sleeping child from harms.

Another to bring in the Witch.

TO house the Hag, you must doe this; Commix with Meale a little Pisse Of him bewitcht: then forthwith make A little Wafer or a Cake; And this rawly bak't will bring The old Hag in. No furer thing.

Another Charme for Stables.

Hang up Hooks, and Sheers to scare
Hence the Hag, that rides the Mare,
Till they be all over wet,
With the mire, and the sweat:
This observ'd, the Manes shall be
Of your horses, all knot-free.

Ceremonies for Candlemasse Eve.

Down with the Rosemary and Bayes, Down with the Misseto; In stead of Holly, now up-raise The greener Box, for show.

The Holly hitherto did fway;

Let Box now domineere;

Untill the dancing Eafter-day,

Or Eafters Eve appeare.

Then youthfull Box which now hath grace,
Your houses to renew;
Grown old, surrender must his place,
Unto the crisped Yew.

When Yew is out, then Birch comes in, And many Flowers beside; Both of a fresh, and fragrant kinne To honour Whitsontide.

Green Rushes then, and sweetest Bents,
With cooler Oken boughs;
Come in for comely ornaments,
To re-adorn the house.
Thus times do shift; each thing his turne do's hold;
New things succeed, as former things grow old.

The Ceremonies for Candlemasse day.

K Indle the Christmas Brand and then Till Sunne-set, let it burne; Which quencht, then lay it up agen, Till Christmas next returne.

Part must be kept wherewith to teend The Christmas Log next yeare; And where 'tis safely kept, the Fiend, Can do no mischiese, there.

Upon Candlemasse Day.

E Nd now the White-loafe, & the Pye, And let all sports with Christmas dye.

Surfeits.

B^{Ad} are all furfeits: but Physitians call
That surfeit tooke by bread, the worst of all-

Upon Nis.

Ms, he makes Verses; but the Lines he writes, Serve but for matter to make Paper-kites.

To Biancha, to bleffe him.

Wo'd I wooe, and wo'd I winne, Wo'd I well my worke begin? Wo'd I evermore be crown'd With the end that I propound? Wo'd I frustrate, or prevent All Aspects malevolent? Thwart all Wizzards, and with these Dead all black contingencies: Place my words, and all works else In most happy Parallels? All will prosper, if so be I be kist, or blest by thee.

Julia's Churching, or Purification.

Put on thy Holy Fillitings, and so To th' Temple with the sober Midwife go. Attended thus, in a most solemn wise,
By those who serve the Child-bed misteries.
Burn first thine incense; next, when as thou see'st
The candid Stole thrown ore the Pious Priest;
With reverend Curtises come, and to him bring
Thy free, and not decurted offering.
All Rites well ended, with faire Auspice come,
As to the breaking of a Bride-Cake, home:
Where ceremonious Hymen shall for thee
Provide a second Epithalamie.
She who keeps chastly to her husband's side
Is not for one, but every night his Bride:
And stealing still with love and seare to Bed,
Brings him not one, but many a Maiden-bead.

To his Book.

BEfore the Press scarce one co'd see
A little-peeping-part of thee:
But since th'art Printed, thou dost call
To shew thy nakedness to all.
My care for thee is now the less,
Having resign'd thy shamesac'tness:
Go with thy Faults and Fates; yet stay
And take this sentence, then away;
Whom one belov'd will not suffice,
She'l runne to all adulteries,

Teares.

TEares most prevaile; with teares too thou mayst move
Rocks to relent, and coyest maids to love.

To his Friend to avoid contention of words.

WOrds beget Anger; Anger brings forth blowes:
Blowes make of dearest friends immortall Foes. For which prevention, Sociate, let there be Betwixt us two no more Logomachie.
Farre better 'twere for either to be mute, Then for to murder friendship, by dispute.

Truth.

Ruth is best found out by the time, and eyes; Falsehood winnes credit by uncertainties.

Upon Prickles. Epig.

Prickles is waspish, and puts forth his sting, For Bread, Drinke, Butter, Cheese; for every thing

That Prickles buyes, puts Prickles out of frame; How well his nature's fitted to his name!

The Eyes before the Eares.

WE credit most our sight; one eye doth please Our trust farre more then ten eare-witnesses.

Want.

WAnt is a fofter Wax, that takes thereon, This, that, and every base impression. . .

To a Friend.

Looke in my Book, and herein see, Life endlesse sign'd to thee and me. We o're the tombes, and Fates shall slye; While other generations dye.

Upon M. William Lawes, the rare Musitian.

Sho'd I not put on Blacks, when each one here Comes with his Cypresse, and devotes a teare? Sho'd I not grieve, my Lawes, when every Lute, Violl, and Voice, is, by thy losse, fruck mute? Thy loss, brave man! whose Numbers have been hurl'd,

And no less prais'd, then spread throughout the world.

Some have Thee call'd Amphion; some of us Nam'd thee Terpander, or sweet Orpheus: Some this, some that, but all in this agree, Musique had both her birth and death with Thee.

A Song upon Silvia.

Rom me my Silvia ranne away, And running therewithall, A Primrose Banke did cross her way, And gave my Love a fall.

But trust me now, I dare not say,
What I by chance did see;
But such the Drap'ry did betray
That fully ravisht me.

The Hony-combe.

If thou hast found an honie-combe, Eate thou not all, but taste on some: For if thou eat'st it to excess; That sweetness turnes to Loathsomness. Taste it to Temper; then 'twill be Marrow, and Manna unto thee.

Vpon Ben. Johnson.

HEre lyes Johnson with the rest Of the Poets; but the Best.

Reader, wo'dst thou more have known? Aske his Story, not this Stone. That will speake what this can't tell Of his glory. So farewell.

An Ode for him.

A H Ben!
Say how, or when
Shall we thy Guests
Meet at those Lyrick Feasts,
Made at the Sun,
The Dog, the triple Tunne?
Where we such clusters had,
As made us nobly wild, not mad;
And yet each Verse of thine
Out-did the meate, out-did the frolick wine.

My Ben!
Or come agen:
Or fend to us,
Thy wits great over-plus;
But teach us yet
Wifely to husband it;
Lest we that Tallent spend:
And having once brought to an end
That precious stock; the store
Of such a wit the world sho'd have no more.

Upon a Virgin.

Selecting here, both Herbs, and Flowers; Of which make Garlands here, and there, To dress thy silent sepulchre.

Nor do thou feare the want of these,

In everlasting Properties.

Since we fresh strewings will bring hither,

Farre faster then the first can wither.

Blame.

IN Battailes what disasters fall, The King he beares the blame of all.

A Request to the Graces.

Ponder my words, if so that any be Known guilty here of incivility:

Let what is graceless, discompos'd, and rude, With sweetness, smoothness, softness, be endu'd. Teach it to blush, to curtie, lisp, and shew Demure, but yet, full of temptation too.

Numbers ne'r tickle, or but lightly please, Unlesse they have some wanton carriages.

This if ye do, each Piece will here be good, And gracefull made, by your neate Sisterhood.

Upon Himselfe.

I Lately fri'd, but now behold
I freeze as fast, and shake for cold.
And in good faith I'd thought it strange
T'ave found in me this sudden change;
But that I understood by dreames,
These only were but Loves extreames;
Who fires with hope the Lover's heart,
And starves with cold the self-same part.

Multitude.

WE Trust not to the multitude in Warre, But to the stout; and those that skilfull are.

Feare.

MAn must do well out of a good intent; Not for the servile seare of punishment.

To M. Kellam.

WHat! can my Kellam drink his Sack In Goblets to the brim, And see his Robin Herrick lack, Yet send no Boules to him? For love or pitie to his Muse,

That she may flow in Verse,

Contemne to recommend a Cruse,

But send to her a Tearce,

Happinesse to Hospitalitie, or a hearty to good House-keeping.

Irst, may the hand of bounty bring Into the daily offering Of full provision; such a store, Till that the Cooke cries, Bring no more. Upon your hogsheads never fall A drought of wine, ale, beere, at all; But, like full clouds, may they from thence Diffuse their mighty influence. Next, let the Lord, and Ladie here Enjoy a Christning yeare by yeare; And this good bleffing back them still, T'ave Boyes, and Gyrles too, as they will. Then from the porch may many a Bride Unto the Holy Temple ride: And thence return, short prayers seyd, A wife most richly married. Last, may the Bride and Bridegroome be Untoucht by cold sterility; But in their springing blood so play, As that in Lusters few they may, By laughing too, and lying downe, People a City or a Towne.

Cunstation in Correction.

THe Lictors bundl'd up their rods: befide, Knit them with knots, with much adoe unty'd;

That if, unknitting, men wo'd yet repent, They might escape the lash of punishment.

Present Government grievous.

M En are suspicious; prone to discontent: Subjects still loath the present Government.

Rest Refreshes.

L Ay by the good a while; a resting field
Will, after ease, a richer harvest yeild:
Trees this year beare; next, they their wealth
with-hold:

Continuall reaping makes a land wax old.

Revenge.

M Ans disposition is for to requite
An injurie, before a benefite:
Thanksgiving is a burden, and a paine;
Revenge is pleasing to us, as our gaine.

The First marrs or makes.

I N all our high designments, 'twill appeare,
The first event breeds considence or seare.

Beginning, difficult.

HArd are the two first staires unto a Crowne;
Which got, the third bids him a King come
downe.

Faith four-square.

FAith is a thing that's four-square; let it fall This way or that, it not declines at all.

The Present Time best pleaseth.

PRaise they that will Times past, I joy to see My selfe now live: this age best pleaseth mee.

Cloathes, are Conspirators.

Hough from without no foes at all we feare;
We shall be wounded by the cloathes we weare.

Cruelty.

TIs but a dog-like madnesse in bad Kings, For to delight in wounds and murderings. As some plants prosper best by cuts and blowes; So Kings by killing doe encrease their soes.

Faire after Foule.

TEares quickly drie: griefes will in time decay:
A cleare will come after a cloudy day.

Hunger.

A Ske me what hunger is, and Ile reply, 'Tis but a fierce defire of hot and drie.

Bad Wages for Good Service.

In this misfortune Kings doe most excell,

To heare the worst from men, when they doe well.

The End.

Onquer we shall, but we must first contend;
'Tis not the Fight that crowns us, but the
End.

The Bondman.

B Ind me but to thee with thine haire,
And quickly I shall be
Made by that setter or that snare
A bondman unto thee.

Or if thou tak'ft that bond away,

Then bore me through the eare;

And by the Law I ought to stay

For ever with thee here.

Choose for the best.

GIve house-roome to the best; 'Tis never known Vertue and pleasure, both to dwell in one.

To Silvia.

PArdon my trespasse, Silvia, I confesse, Mykisse out-went the bounds of shamfastnesse: None is discreet at all times; no, not Jove Himselfe, at one time, can be wise and Love.

Faire Shewes deceive.

SMooth was the Sea, and feem'd to call To prettie girles to play withall: Who padling there, the Sea soone frown'd, And on a sudden both were drown'd. What credit can we give to seas, Who, kissing, kill such Saints as these?

His Wish.

RAt be my Hinde; unlearned be my wife; Peacefull my night; my day devoid of strife: To these a comely off-spring I desire, Singing about my everlassing fire.

Upon Julia's washing her self in the river.

My Julia wash her self in thee! So Lillies thorough Christall look: So purest pebbles in the brook: As in the River Julia did, Halfe with a Lawne of water hid, Into thy streames my self I threw, And strugling there, I kist thee too; And more had done, it is confest, Had not thy waves forbad the rest.

A Meane in our Meanes.

Hough Frankinsense the Deities require, We must not give all to the ballowed fire.

Such be our gifts, and such be our expence, As for our selves to leave some frankinsence.

Upon Clunn.

A Rowle of Parchment Clunn about him beares, Charg'd with the Armes of all his Ancestors: And seems halfe ravisht, when he looks upon That Bar, this Bend; that Fess, this Cheveron; This Manch, that Moone; this Martlet, and that Mound;

This counterchange of *Perle* and *Diamond*. What joy can *Clun* have in that Coat, or this, When as his owne still out at elboes is?

Upon Cupid.

Ove, like a Beggar, came to me
With Hose and Doublet torne:
His Shirt bedangling from his knee,
With Hat and Shooes out-worne.

He askt an almes; I gave him bread, And meat too, for his need: Of which, when he had fully fed, He wisht me all Good speed.

Away he went, but as he turn'd, In faith I know not how, He toucht me so, as that I burn, And am tormented now. Love's filent flames, and fires obscure Then crept into my heart; And though I saw no Bow, I'm sure, His finger was the dart.

Vpon Blisse.

BLiffe, last night drunk, did kisse his mother's knee:
Where he will kisse, next drunk, conjecture ye.

Vpon Burr.

B Urr is a fmell-feaft, and a man alone, That, where meat is, will be a hanger on.

Vpon Megg.

M^{Egg} yesterday was troubled with a Pose, Which, this night hardned, sodders up her nose.

An Hymne to Love.

Will confesse
With Cheerfulnesse,
Love is a thing so likes me,
That let her lay
On me all day,
Ile kiss the hand that strikes me.

I will not, I,
Now blubb'ring, cry,
It, Ah! too late repents me,
That I did fall
To love at all,
Since love so much contents me.

No, no, Ile be
In fetters free;
While others they fit wringing
Their hands for paine;
Ile entertaine
The wounds of love with finging.

With Flowers and Wine,
And Cakes Divine,
To strike me I will tempt thee:
Which done; no more
Ile come before
Thee and thine Altars emptie.

To his honoured and most Ingenious Friend M. Charles Cotton.

Por brave comportment, wit without offence, Words fully flowing, yet of influence, Thou art that man of men, the man alone, Worthy the Publique Admiration:

Who with thine owne eyes read'ft what we doe write,

And giv'ft our Numbers Euphonie, and weight.

Tel'st when a Verse springs high, how understood To be, or not borne of the Royall-Blood. What State above, what Symmetrie below, Lines have, or sho'd have, thou the best canst show. For which, my Charles, it is my pride to be, Not so much knowne, as to be lov'd of thee. Long may I live so, and my wreath of Bayes, Be lesse anothers Laurell, then thy praise.

Women uselesse.

What need we marry Women, when Without their use we may have men? And such as will in short time be, For murder sit, or mutinie; As Cadmus once a new way found, By throwing teeth into the ground; From which poore seed, and rudely sown, Sprung up a War-like Nation. So let us Yron, Silver, Gold, Brasse, Leade, or Tinne, throw into th' mould; And we shall see in little space Rise up of men, a fighting race. If this can be, say then, what need Have we of Women or their seed?

Love is a Sirrup.

Ove is a sirrup; and who er'e we see Sick and surcharg'd with this sacietie:

Shall by this pleasing trespasse quickly prove, Ther's loathsomnesse e'en in the sweets of love.

Leven.

Ove is a Leven, and a loving kiffe
The Leven of a loving fweet-heart is.

Repletion.

Physitians say Repletion springs
More from the sweet then sower things.

On Himselfe.

Weepe for the dead, for they have lost this light:

And weepe for me, lost in an endlesse night.

Or mourne, or make a Marble Verse for me,

Who writ for many. Benedicite.

No Man without Money.

NO man fuch rare parts hath, that he can fwim, If favour or occasion helpe not him.

On Himselfe.

Off to the world; lost to my selfe; alone Here now I rest under this Marble stone: In depth of silence, heard, and seene of none.

To M. Leonard Willan his peculiar Friend.

Will be short, and having quickly hurl'd
This line about, live Thou throughout the
world;

Who art a man for all Sceanes; unto whom, What's hard to others, nothing's troublesome. Can'ft write the *Comick*, *Tragick* straine, and fall From these to penne the pleasing Pastorall: Who sli'st at all heights: Prose and Verse run'st through;

Find'st here a fault, and mend'st the trespasse too: For which I might extoll thee, but speake lesse, Because thy selfe art comming to the Presse: And then sho'd I in praising thee be slow, Posterity will pay thee what I owe.

To his worthy Friend M. John Hall, Student of Grayes-Inne.

TEll me, young Man, or did the Muses bring Thee lesse to taste, then to drink up their spring;

That none hereafter sho'd be thought, or be A Poet, or a Poet-like but Thee?

What was thy Birth, thy starre that makes thee knowne,

At twice ten yeares, a prime and publike one?

Tell us thy Nation, kindred, or the whence Thou had'ft, and hast thy mighty influence, That makes thee lov'd, and of the men desir'd, And no lesse prais'd, then of the maides admir'd. Put on thy Laurell then; and in that trimme Be thou Apollo, or the type of him: Or let the Unshorne God lend thee his Lyre, And next to him, be Master of the Quire.

To Julia.

Offer thy gift; but first the Law commands Thee, Julia, first to fanctifie thy hands: Doe that, my Julia which the rites require, Then boldly give thine incense to the fire.

To the most comely and proper M. Elizabeth Finch.

HAnsome you are, and Proper you will be Despight of all your infortunitie:
Live long and lovely, but yet grow no lesse
In that your owne prefixed comelinesse:
Spend on that stock: and when your life must fall,

Leave others Beauty, to set up withall.

Upon Ralph.

Ralph pares his nayles, his warts, his cornes, and Raph,
In sev'rall tills and boxes, keepes 'em sase;
Instead of Harts-horne, if he speakes the troth,
To make a lustie-gellie for his broth.

To his Booke.

IF hap it must, that I must see thee lye

Absyrtus-like, all torne consusedly:

With solemne tears, and with much grief of heart,
Ile recollect thee, weeping, part by part;

And having washt thee, close thee in a chest

With spice; that done, Ile leave thee to thy rest.

To the KING,

upon his Welcome to Hampton-Court.

Set and Sung.

WElcome, Great Cefar, welcome now you are,
As dearest Peace, after destructive Warre:
Welcome as slumbers; or as beds of ease
After our long, and peevish sicknesses.
O Pompe of Glory! Welcome now, and come
To re-possess once more your long'd-for home.

A thousand Altars smoake; a thousand thighes
Of Beeves here ready stand for Sacrifice.
Enter and prosper; while our eyes doe waite
For an Ascendent throughly Auspicate:
Under which signe we may the former stone
Lay of our safeties new soundation:
That done; O Cesar! live, and be to us,
Our Fate, our Fortune, and our Genius;
To whose free knees we may our temples tye
As to a still protecting Deitie:
That sho'd you stirre, we and our Altars too
May, Great Augustus, goe along with You.
Chor. Long live the King; and to accomplish
this,

We'l from our owne, adde far more years to his.

Ultimus Heroum: or,

To the most learned, and to the right Honourable,

Henry, Marquesse of Dorchester.

A Nd as time past when Cato the Severe Entred the circumspacious Theater; In reverence of his person, every one Stood as he had been turn'd from slesh to stone: E'ne so my numbers will astonish be If but lookt on; struck dead, if scan'd by Thee.

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To his Muse, another to the same.

TEll that Brave Man, fain thou wo'dst have access
To kiss his hands, but that for fearfullness;

Or else because th'art like a modest Bride, Ready to blush to death, sho'd he but chide.

Upon Vineger.

VIneger is no other I define, Then the dead Corps, or carkase of the Wine.

Upon Mudge.

MUdge every morning to the Postern comes, His teeth all out, to rince and wash his gummes.

To his learned friend M. Jo. Harmar, Phifitian to the Colledge of Westminster.

WHen first I find those Numbers thou do'st write,

To be most soft, terce, sweet, and perpolite: Next, when I see Thee towring in the skie, In an expansion no less large, then high; Then, in that compass, sayling here and there, And with Circumgyration every where; Following with love and active heate thy game, And then at last to truss the Epigram; I must confess, distinction none I see Between Domitians Martiall then, and Thee. But this I know, should Jupiter agen Descend from heaven, to re-converse with men; The Romane Language full, and superfine, If Jove wo'd speake, he wo'd accept of thine.

Upon his Spaniell Tracie.

For shape and service, Spaniell like to thee. This shall my love doe, give thy sad death one Teare, that deserves of me a million.

The Deluge.

Rowning, drowning, I espie
Coming from my Julia's eye:
'Tis some solace in our smart,
To have friends to beare a part:
I have none; but must be sure
Th' inundation to endure.
Shall not times hereafter tell
This for no meane miracle;
When the waters by their fall
Threatn'd ruine unto all?
Yet the deluge here was known,
Of a world to drowne but One.

Upon Lupes.

Lupes for the outfide of his fuite has paide;
But for his heart, he cannot have it made:
The reason is, his credit cannot get
The inward carbage for his cloathes as yet.

Raggs.

W Hat are our patches, tatters, raggs, and rents,
But the base dregs and lees of vestiments?

Strength to Support Soveraignty.

L Et Kings and Rulers learne this line from me; Where power is weake, unsafe is Majestie.

Upon Tubbs.

Por thirty yeares, Tubbs has been proud and poor;
'Tis now his habit, which he can't give ore.

Crutches.

Thou feest me, Lucia, this year droope, Three Zodiaks fill'd more I shall stoope; Let Crutches then provided be To shore up my debilitie. Then while thou laugh'st; Ile, sighing, crie, A Ruine underpropt am I:

Do'n will I then my Beadsmans gown,
And when so feeble I am grown,
As my weake shoulders cannot beare
The burden of a Grashopper:
Yet with the bench of aged sires,
When I and they keep tearmly fires;
With my weake voice I'le sing, or say
Some Odes I made of Lucia:
Then will I heave my wither'd hand
To fove the Mighty for to stand
Thy faithfull friend, and to poure downe
Upon thee many a Benizon.

To Julia.

HOly waters hither bring
For the facred sprinkling:
Baptize me and thee, and so
Let us to the Altar go.
And, ere we our rites commence,
Wash our hands in innocence.
Then I'le be the Rex Sacrorum,
Thou the Queen of Peace and Quorum.

Upon Cafe.

Case is a Lawyer, that near pleads alone, But when he hears the like confusion,

As when the disagreeing Commons throw About their House, their clamorous I, or No: Then Case, as loud as any Serjant there, Cries out, My Lord, my Lord, the Case is clear: But when all's husht, Case then a fish more mute, Bestirs his Hand, but starves in hand the Suite.

To Perenna.

I a Dirge will pen for thee; Thou a Trentall make for me: That the Monks and Fryers together, Here may fing the rest of either: Next, I'm sure, the Nuns will have Candlemas to grace the Grave.

To his Sister in Law, M. Susanna Herrick.

The Person crowns the Place; your lot doth fall
Last, yet to be with these a Principall.
How ere it fortuned; know for Truth, I meant
You a fore-leader in this Testament.

Upon the Lady Crew.

This Stone can tell the storie of my life, What was my Birth, to whom I was a Wife: In teeming years, how soon my Sun was set, Where now I rest, these may be known by Jet. For other things, my many Children be The best and truest Chronicles of me.

On Tomasin Parsons.

GRow up in Beauty, as thou do'st begin, And be of all admired, Tomasin.

Ceremony upon Candlemas Eve.

Down with the Rosemary, and so Down with the Baies, & misletoe: Down with the Holly, Ivie, all, Wherewith ye drest the Christmas Hall: That so the superstitious find No one least Branch there lest behind: For look, how many leaves there be Neglected there, maids, trust to me, So many Goblins you shall see.

Suspicion makes secure.

HE that will live of all cares dispossest, Must shun the bad, I, and suspect the best.

Upon Spokes.

SPokes, when he sees a rosted Pig, he swears Nothing he loves on't but the chaps and ears: But carve to him the sat slanks; and he shall Rid these, and those, and part by part eat all. To his Kinfman, M. Tho: Herrick, who defired to be in his Book.

WElcome to this my Colledge, and though late
Th'aft got a place here, standing candidate;
It matters not, fince thou art chosen one
Here of my great and good foundation.

A Bucolick betwixt Two: Lacon and Thyrsis.

Lacon. POr a kiss or two, confesse,
What doth cause this pensiveness,
Thou most lovely Neat-heardesse?
Why so lonely on the hill?
Why thy pipe by thee so still,
That ere while was heard so shrill?
Tell me, do thy kine now fail
To sulfill the milkin-paile?
Say, what is't that thou do'st aile?

Thyr. None of these; but out, alas!
A mischance is come to pass,
And I'le tell thee what it was:
See mine eyes are weeping ripe,
Lacon. Tell, and I'le lay down my Pipe.

Thyr. I have lost my lovely steere,

That to me was far more deer

Then these kine, which I milke here.

Broad of fore-head, large of eye, Party colour'd like a Pie; Smooth in each limb as a die; Clear of hoof, and clear of horn; Sharply pointed as a thorn: With a neck by yoke unworn. From the which hung down by strings, Balls of Cowflips, Daifie rings, Enterplac't with ribbanings. Faultless every way for shape; Not a straw co'd him escape; Ever gamesome as an ape: But yet harmless as a sheep. Pardon, Lacon, if I weep; Tears will spring, where woes are deep. Now, ai me! ai me! Last night Came a mad dog, and did bite, I, and kil'd my dear delight.

Lacon. Alack, for grief! Thyr. But I'le be brief.

Hence I must, for time doth call Me, and my sad Play-mates all, To his Ev'ning Funerall.

Live long, Lacon, so adew!

Lacon. Mournfull maid, farewell to you;

Earth afford ye flowers to strew.

Upon Sapho.

L Ook upon Sapho's lip, and you will swear, There is a love-like leven rising there.

Upon Faunus.

WE read how Faunus, he the shepheards God, His wife to death whipt with a Mirtle Rod. The Rod, perhaps, was better'd by the name; But had it been of Birch, the death's the same.

The Quintell.

P with the Quintill, that the Rout, May fart for joy, as well as shout: Either's welcome, Stinke or Civit, If we take it, as they give it.

A Bachanalian Verse.

Prinke up
Your Cup,
But not spill Wine;
For if you
Do,
'Tis an ill signe;

That we
Foresee,
You are cloy'd here,
If so, no
Hoe,
But avoid here.

Care a good keeper.

Are keepes the Conquest; 'tis no lesse renowne, To keepe a Citie, then to winne a Towne.

Rules for our Reach.

MEn must have Bounds how farre to walke; for we
Are made farre worse, by lawless liberty.

To Biancha.

A H Biancha! now I fee,
It is Noone and past with me:
In a while it will strike one;
Then, Biancha, I am gone.
Some effusions let me have,
Offer'd on my holy Grave;
Then, Biancha, let me rest
With my face towards the East.

To the handsome Mistresse Grace Potter.

A S is your name, so is your comely face,
Toucht every where with such diffused grace,
As that in all that admirable round,
There is not one least folecisme found;
And as that part, so every portion else,
Keepes line for line with Beauties Parallels.

Anacreontike.

Comes relieving.

But this
Sweet is
In our mourning;
Times bad
And fad
Are a turning:
And he
Whom we
See dejected;
Next day
Wee may
See erected.

More modest, more manly.

'Is still observ'd, those men most valiant are, That are most modest ere they come to warre.

Not to covet much where little is the charge.

Why sho'd we covet much, when as we know,
W'ave more to beare our charge, then way to go?

Anacreontick Verse,

BRisk methinks I am, and fine, When I drinke my capring wine: Then to love I do encline, When I drinke my wanton wine: And I wish all maidens mine, When I drinke my sprightly wine: Well I sup, and well I dine, When I drinke my frolick wine: But I languish, lowre, and pine, When I want my fragrant wine.

Upon Pennie.

BRown bread Tom Pennie eates, and must of right,
Because his stock will not hold out for white.

Patience in Princes.

K Ings must not use the Axe for each offence: Princes cure some faults by their patience.

Feare gets Force.

D^Espaire takes heart, when ther's no hope to speed:
The Coward then takes Armes, and do's the deed.

Parcell-gil't Poetry.

Let's strive to be the best; the Gods, we know it,
Pillars and men, hate an indifferent Poet.

Upon Love, by way of question and answer.

Bring ye Love. Quest. What will Love do?

Ans. Like, and dislike ye:

I bring ye Love: Quest. What will Love do?

Ans. Stroake ye to strike ye.

I bring ye Love: Quest. What will Love do?

Ans. Love will be-foole ye:

I bring ye Love: Quest. What will Love do?

Ans. Heate ye to coole ye:

I bring ye Love: Quest. What will Love do?

Ans. Love gifts will send ye:

I bring ye Love: Quest. What will Love do?

Ans. Stock ye to spend ye:

I bring ye Love: Quest. What will Love do?

Ans. Love will fulfill ye:

I bring ye Love: Quest. What will Love do?

Ans. Kisse ye, to kill ye.

To the Lord Hopton, on his fight in Cornwall.

GO on, brave *Hopton*, to effectuate that Which wee, and times to come, shall wonder at.

Lift up thy Sword; next, suffer it to fall, And by that One blow set an end to all.

His Grange.

HOw well contented in this private Grange
Spend I my life, that's subject unto change:
Under whose Roose with Mosse-worke wrought,
there I
Kisse my Brown wife, and black Posterity.

Leprosie in Houses.

When to a House I come, and see
The Genius wastefull, more then free:
The servants thumblesse, yet to eat,
With lawlesse tooth the sloure of wheate:
The Sonnes to suck the milke of Kine,
More then the teats of Discipline:
The Daughters wild and loose in dresse;
Their cheekes unstain'd with shamesac'tnesse:
The Husband drunke, the Wife to be
A Baud to incivility:
I must confesse, I there descrie,
A House spred through with Leprosse.

Good Manners at Meat.

This rule of manners I will teach my guests, To come with their own bellies unto feasts: Not to eat equal portions; but to rise Farc't with the food, that may themselves suffice.

Anthea's Retractation.

A Nthea laught, and fearing left excesse Might stretch the cords of civill comelinesse: She with a dainty blush rebuk't her face; And cal'd each line back to his rule and space.

Comforts in Crosses.

B^E not dismaide, though crosses cast thee downe; Thy fall is but the rising to a Crowne.

Seeke and finde.

A Ttempt the end, and never stand to doubt; Nothing's so hard, but search will find it out.

Reft.

ON with thy worke, though thou beest hardly prest;

Labour is held up, by the hope of rest.

Leprosie in Cloathes.

WHen flowing garments I behold Enspir'd with *Purple*, *Pearle*, and *Gold*, I think no other but I see In them a glorious leprosie,

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That do's infect, and make the rent More mortall in the vestiment. As flowrie vestures doe descrie The wearers rich immodestie; So plaine and simple cloathes doe show Where vertue walkes, not those that slow.

Upon Buggins.

Buggins is drunke all night, all day he sleepes; This is the Levell-coyle that Buggins keeps.

Great Maladies, long Medicines.

TO an old soare a long cure must goe on; Great faults require great fatisfaction.

His Answer to a Friend.

YOu aske me what I doe, and how I live? And, Noble Friend, this answer I must give: Drooping, I draw on to the vaults of death, Or'e which you'l walk, when I am laid beneath.

The Begger.

SHall I a daily Begger be, For loves fake asking almes of thee? Still shall I crave, and never get A hope of my desired bit? Ah cruell maides! Ile goe my way, Whereas, perchance, my fortunes may Finde out a Threshold or a doore, That may far sooner speed the poore: Where thrice we knock, and none will heare, Cold comfort still I'm sure lives there.

Bastards.

Our Baftard-children are but like to Plate, Made by the Coyners illegitimate.

His Change.

MY many cares and much diftress, Has made me like a wilderness: Or, discompos'd, I'm like a rude, And all confused multitude: Out of my comely manners worne; And as in meanes, in minde all torne.

The Vision.

ME thought I faw, as I did dreame in bed, A crawling Vine about Anacreon's head: Flusht was his face; his haires with oyle did shine; And as he spake, his mouth ranne ore with wine. Tipled he was; and tipling list withall; And lisping reeld, and reeling like to fall. A young Enchantresse close by him did stand
Tapping his plump thighes with a mirtle wand:
She smil'd; he kist; and kissing, cull'd her too;
And being cup-shot, more he co'd not doe.
For which, me thought, in prittie anger she
Snatcht off his Crown, and gave the wreath to me:
Since when, me thinks, my braines about doe
swim,

And I am wilde and wanton like to him.

A Vow to Venus.

HAppily I had a fight
Of my dearest deare last night;
Make her this day smile on me,
And Ile Roses give to thee.

On his Booke.

The bound, almost, now of my book I see, But yet no end of those therein or me: Here we begin new life; while thousands quite Are lost, and theirs, in everlasting night.

A Sonnet of Perilla.

Then did I live when I did see Perilla smile on none but me. But, ah! by starres malignant crost, The life I got I quickly lost:

But yet a way there doth remaine, For me embalm'd to live againe; And that's to love me; in which state Ile live as one regenerate.

Bad may be better.

MAn may at first transgress, but next do well: Vice doth in some but lodge a while, not dwell.

Posting to Printing.

L Et others to the Printing Presse run fast, Since after death comes glory, Ile not haste.

Rapine brings Ruine.

WHat's got by Justice is establisht sure;
No Kingdomes got by Rapine long endure.

Comfort to a Youth that had loft his Love.

When she a place
Has with the race
Of Saints?
In endlesse mirth,
She thinks not on

What's faid or done In earth: She fees no teares, Or any tone Of thy deep grone She heares: Nor do's she minde, Or think on't now, That ever thou Wast kind. But chang'd above, She likes not there, As she did here. Thy Love. Forbeare therefore, And lull afleepe Thy woes, and weep No more.

Upon Boreman. Epig.

Boreman, Boreman,

For all the Divell helps, will be a poore man.

Saint Distaff's Day, or the Morrow after Twelth Day.

Partly worke and partly play Ye must on S. Distaffs day:

From the Plough soone free your teame; Then come home and sother them. If the Maides a spinning goe, Burne the slax, and fire the tow: Scorch their plackets, but beware That ye singe no maiden-haire. Bring in pailes of water then, Let the Maides bewash the men. Give S. Distasse all the right, Then bid Christmas sport good night; And next morrow, every one To his owne vocation.

Sufferance.

I N the hope of ease to come, Let's endure one Martyrdome.

His Teares to Thamasis.

I Send, I send here my supremest kiss
To thee, my silver-footed Thamasis.
No more shall I reiterate thy Strand,
Whereon so many Stately Structures stand:
Nor in the summers sweeter evenings go,
To bath in thee, as thousand others doe,
No more shall I a long thy christall glide,
In Barge, with boughes and rushes beautist'd,
With soft-smooth Virgins, for our chast disport,
To Richmond, Kingstone, and to Hampton-Court:

Never againe shall I with Finnie-Ore
Put from, or draw unto the faithfull shore:
And Landing here, or safely Landing there,
Make way to my Beloved Westminster:
Or to the Golden-cheap-side, where the earth
Of Julia Herrick gave to me my Birth.
May all clean Nimphs and curious water Dames,
With Swan-like-state, slote up & down thy
streams:

No drought upon thy wanton waters fall
To make them Leane, and languishing at all.
No ruffling winds come hither to discease
Thy pure, and Silver-wristed Naides.
Keep up your state, ye streams; and as ye spring,
Never make sick your Banks by surfeiting.
Grow young with Tydes, and though I see ye
never,

Receive this vow, so fare-ye-well for ever.

Pardons.

THose ends in War the best contentment bring, Whose Peace is made up with a Pardoning.

Peace not Permanent.

Reat Cities seldome rest: If there be none T'invade from far; They'l sinde worse soes at home.

Truth and Errour.

TWixt Truth and Errour, there's this difference known, Errour is fruitfull, Truth is onely one.

Things mortall still mutable.

Things are uncertain, and the more we get,
The more on ycie pavements we are set.

Studies to be supported.

Studies themselves will languish and decay, When either price, or praise is ta'ne away.

Wit punisht, prospers most.

PRead not the shackles: on with thine intent; Good wits get more fame by their punishment.

Twelfe Night, or King and Queene.

With the cake full of plums,
Where Beane's the King of the sport here;
Beside we must know,
The Pea also
Must revell, as Queene, in the Court here.

Lawes.

W Ho violates the Customes, hurts the Health, Not of one man, but all the Commonwealth.

The Meane.

Is much among the filthy to be clean;
Our heat of youth can hardly keep the mean.

Like loves his Like.

L Ike will to like, each Creature loves his kinde; Chaste words proceed still from a bashfull minde.

His Hope or Sheat-Anchor.

A Mong these Tempests great and manifold My Ship has here one only Anchor-hold; That is my hope; which if that slip, I'm one Wildred in this vast watry Region.

Comfort in Calamity.

TIs no discomfort in the world to fall,
When the great Crack not Crushes one,
but all.

Twilight.

The Twi-light is no other thing, we fay,
Then Night now gone, and yet not sprung
the Day.

False Mourning.

H^E who wears Blacks, and mournes not for the Dead,
Do's but deride the Party buried.

The Will makes the Work, or Consent makes the Cure.

O grief is grown so desperate, but the ill Is halfe way cured, if the party will.

Diet.

IF wholsome Diet can re-cure a man, What need of Physick, or Physician?

Smart.

S Tripes justly given yerk us, with their fall, But causelesse whipping smarts the most of all.

The Tinkers Song.

A Long, come along, Let's meet in a throng Here of Tinkers; And quaffe up a Bowle As big as a Cowle To Beer Drinkers. The pole of the Hop Place in the Ale-shop To Bethwack us; If ever we think So much as to drink Unto Bacchus. Who frolick will be, For little cost he Must not vary, From Beer-broth at all, So much as to call For Canary.

His Comfort.

The only comfort of my life
Is, that I never yet had wife;
Nor will hereafter; fince I know
Who Weds, ore-buyes his weal with woe.

Sincerity.

WAsh clean the Vessell, lest ye soure What ever Liquor in ye powre.

To Anthea.

SIck is Anthea, fickly is the spring,
The Primrose sick, and sickly every thing:
The while my deer Anthea do's but droop,
The Tulips, Lillies, Daffadills do stoop;
But when again sh'as got her healthfull houre,
Each bending then, will rise a proper flower.

Nor Buying or Selling.

Ow, if you love me, tell me, For as I will not fell ye, So not one cross to buy thee Ile give, if thou deny me.

To his peculiar Friend M. Jo: Wicks.

Since Shed or Cottage I have none, I fing the more, that thou hast one; To whose glad threshold, and free door I may a Poet come, though poor; And eat with thee a savory bit, Paying but common thanks for it. Yet sho'd I chance, my Wicks, to see
An over-leven look in thee,
To soure the Bread, and turn the Beer
To an exalted vineger;
Or sho'dst thou prize me as a Dish
Of thrice-boyl'd-worts, or third dayes fish;
I'de rather hungry go and come,
Then to thy house be Burdensome;
Yet, in my depth of grief, I'de be
One that sho'd drop his Beads for thee.

The more mighty, the more mercifull.

W Ho may do most, do's least: The bravest will Shew mercy there, where they have power to kill.

After Autumne, Winter.

D^{Ie} ere long, I'm fure, I shall; After leaves, the tree must fall.

A good death.

For truth I may this sentence tell, No man dies ill, that liveth well.

Recompence.

W Ho plants an Olive, but to eate the Oile?
Reward, we know, is the chiefe end of toile.

On Fortune.

This is my comfort, when she's most unkind, She can but spoile me of my Meanes, not Mind.

To Sir George Parrie, Doctor of the Civill Law.

Have my Laurel Chaplet on my head, If 'mongft these many Numbers to be read, But one by you be hug'd and cherished.

Peruse my Measures thoroughly, and where Your judgement finds a guilty Poem, there Be you a Judge; but not a Judge severe.

The meane passe by, or over, none contemne; The good applaud: the peccant lesse condemne, Since Absolution you can give to them.

Stand forth, Brave Man, here to the publique fight;

And in my Booke now claim a two-fold right: The first as Doctor, and the last as Knight.

Charmes.

THis Ile tell ye by the way, Maidens, when ye Leavens lay,

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Croffe your Dow, and your dispatch, Will be better for your Batch.

Another.

IN the morning when ye rife,
Wash your hands, and cleanse your eyes.
Next be sure ye have a care,
To disperse the water farre.
For as farre as that doth light,
So farre keepes the evill Spright.

Another.

IF ye feare to be affrighted
When ye are, by chance, benighted:
In your Pocket for a trust,
Carrie nothing but a Crust:
For that holy piece of Bread
Charmes the danger, and the dread.

Upon Gorgonius.

UNto Pastillus ranke Gorgonius came, To have a tooth twitcht out of's native frame.

Drawn was his tooth; but stanke so, that some say, The Barber stopt his Nose, and ranne away.



Gentlenesse.

THat Prince must govern with a gentle hand,
Who will have love comply with his command,

A Dialogue betwixt Himselfe and Mistresse Eliza: Wheeler, under the name of Amarillis.

> MY dearest Love, since thou wilt go, And leave me here behind thee; For love or pitie let me know The place where I may find thee.

Amaril. In country Meadowes pearl'd with Dew, And fet about with Lillies; There filling Maunds with Cowslips, you May find your Amarillis.

Her. What have the Meades to do with thee,
Or with thy youthfull houres?
Live thou at Court, where thou mayst be
The Queen of men, not flowers.

Let Country wenches make 'em fine With Poesies, fince 'tis fitter For thee with richest Jemmes to shine, And like the Starres to glitter. Amaril. You fet too high a rate upon
A Shepheardess so homely.

Her. Believe it, dearest, ther's not one
I'th' Court that's halfe so comly.

I prithee stay. Amaril. I must away;
Lets kis first, then we'l sever.

Ambo. And though we bid adieu to day,
Wee shall not part for ever.

To Julia.

Help me, Julia, for to pray,
Mattens fing, or Mattens fay:
This I know, the Fiend will fly
Far away, if thou beeft by.
Bring the Holy-water hither;
Let us wash, and pray together:
When our Beads are thus united,
Then the Foe will fly affrighted.

To Roses in Julia's Bosome.

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R Oses, you can never die, Since the place wherein ye lye, Heat and moisture mixt are so, As to make ye ever grow.

To the Honoured, Master Endimion Porter.

WHen to thy Porch I come, and, ravisht, see
The State of Poets there attending Thee:
Those Bardes and I, all in a Chorus sing,
We are Thy Prophets Porter; Thou our King.

Speake in season.

When times are troubled, then forbeare; but fpeak,
When a cleare day, out of a Cloud do's break.

Obedience.

The Power of Princes rests in the Consent Of onely those, who are obedient: Which if away, proud Scepters then will lye Low, and of Thrones the Ancient Majesty.

Another on the same.

No man so well a Kingdome Rules, as He, Who hath himselfe obaid the Soveraignty.

Of Love.

I. I Nstruct me now, what Love will do;
2. Twill make a tongless man to wooe.

- 1. Inform me next, what Love will do;
- 2. 'Twill strangely make a one of too.
- 1. Teach me besides, what Love wil do;
- 2. 'Twill quickly mar, & make ye too.
- 1. Tell me, now last, what Love will do;
- 2. 'Twill hurt and heal a heart pierc'd through.

Upon Trap.

Rap, of a Player turn'd a Priest now is; Behold a suddaine Metamorphosis. If Tythe-pigs faile, then will he shift the scean, And, from a Priest, turne Player once again.

Upon Grubs.

Can live by love, or else grow fat by Play:
But when they call or cry on Grubs for meat;
Instead of Bread, Grubs gives them stones to eat.
He raves, he rends, and while he thus doth tear,
His Wife and Children fast to death for fear.

Upon Dol.

Question but Dols cheeks wo'd soon rost dry,
Were they not basted by her either eye.

Upon Hog.

HOg has a place i'th' Kitchen, and his share The slimsie Livers, and blew Gizzards are.

The School or Perl of Putney, the Mistress of all singular Manners, Mistresse Portman.

THether I was my felfe, or else did see Out of my felf that Glorious Hierarchie! Or whether those, in orders rare, or these Made up One State of Sixtie Venules: Or whether Fairies, Syrens, Nymphes they were, Or Muses, on their mountaine sitting there; Or fome enchanted Place, I do not know, Or Sharon, where eternall Roses grow. This I am fure; I Ravisht stood, as one Confus'd in utter Admiration. Me thought I saw them stir, and gently move, And look as all were capable of Love: And in their motion smelt much like to flowers Enspir'd by th' Sun-beams after dews & showers. There did I see the Reverend Rectresse stand, Who with her eyes-gleam, or a glance of hand, Those spirits rais'd; and with like precepts then, As with a Magick, laid them all agen: A happy Realme! When no compulsive Law, Or fear of it, but Love keeps all in awe.

Live you, great Mistresse of your Arts, and be A nursing Mother so to Majesty; As those your Ladies may in time be seene, For Grace and Carriage, every one a Queene. One Birth their Parents gave them; but their new, And better Being, they receive from You.

Mans former Birth is grace-lesse; but the state Of life comes in, when he's Regenerate.

To Perenna.

Hou say'st I'm dull; if edge-lesse so I be, Ile whet my lips, and sharpen Love on thee.

On Himselfe.

LEt me not live, if I not love, Since I as yet did never prove, Where Pleasures met; at last, doe find, All Pleasures meet in Woman-kind.

On Love.

Hat love 'twixt men do's ever longest last Where War and Peace the Dice by turns doe cast.

Another on Love.

L Ove's of it felf, too fweet; the best of all Is, when loves hony has a dash of gall.

Upon Gut.

Science puffs up, sayes Gut, when either Pease Make him thus swell, or windy Cabbages.

Upon Chub.

When Chub brings in his harvest, still he cries,
Aha my boyes! heres wheat for Christmas Pies!
Soone after, he for beere so scores his wheat,
That at the tide, he has not bread to eate.

Pleasures Pernicious.

Where Pleasures rule a Kingdome, never there
Is sober virtue, seen to move her sphere.

On Himself.

A Wearied Pilgrim, I have wandred here Twice five and twenty, bate me but one yeer;

Long I have lasted in this world; 'tis true, But yet those yeers that I have liv'd, but sew. Who by his gray Haires, doth his lusters tell, Lives not those yeers, but he that lives them well. One man has reatch't his fixty yeers, but he Of all those three-score, has not liv'd halfe three: He lives, who lives to virtue: men who cast Their ends for Pleasure, do not live, but last.

To M. Laurence Swetnaham.

REad thou my Lines, my Swetnaham, if there be
A fault, 'tis hid, if it be voic't by thee.
Thy mouth will make the sourest numbers please;
How will it drop pure hony, speaking these?

His Covenant or Protestation to Julia.

Why do'ft thou wound, & break my heart,
As if we sho'd for ever part?
Hast thou not heard an Oath from me,
After a day, or two, or three,
I wo'd come back and live with thee?
Take, if thou do'ft distrust, that Vowe;
This second Protestation now.
Upon thy cheeke that spangel'd Teare,
Which sits as Dew of Roses there:
That Teare shall scarce be dri'd before
Ile kisse the Threshold of thy dore.
Then weepe not, sweet; but thus much know,
I'm halfe return'd before I go.

On Himselfe.

I Will no longer kis, I can no longer stay; The way of all Flesh is, That I must go this day: Since longer I can't live, My frolick Youths adieu; My Lamp to you Ile give, And all my troubles too.

To the most accomplisht Gentleman Master
Michael Oulsworth.

Or thinke that Thou in this my Booke art worst,

Because not plac't here with the midst, or first. Since Fame that sides with these, or goes before Those, that must live with Thee for evermore. That Fame, and Fames rear'd Pillar, thou shalt see In the next sheet, *Brave Man*, to follow Thee. Fix on That Columne then, and never fall; Held up by Fames eternall Pedestall.

To his Girles who would have him sportfull.

A Las! I can't, for tell me how Can I be gamesome, aged now;

Besides, ye see me daily grow Here, Winter-like, to Frost and Snow. And I ere long, my Girles, shall see, Ye quake for cold to looke on me.

Truth and Falsehood.

TRuth by her own simplicity is known; Falsehood by Varnish and Vermillion.

His last Request to Julia.

Have been wanton, and too bold I feare,
To chafe o're much the Virgins cheek or eare:
Beg for my Pardon, Julia; He doth winne
Grace with the Gods, who's forry for his finne.
That done, my Julia, dearest Julia, come,
And go with me to chuse my Buriall roome:
My Fates are ended; when thy Herrick dyes,
Claspe thou his Book, then close thou up his Eyes.

On Himselfe.

One Eare tingles; some there be, That are snarling now at me: Be they those that *Homer* bit, I will give them thanks for it.

Upon Kings.

K Ings must be dauntlesse: Subjects will contemne
Those, who want Hearts, and weare a Diadem.

To his Girles.

WAnton Wenches, doe not bring For my haires black colouring: For my Locks, Girles, let 'em be Gray or white, all's one to me.

Upon Spur.

Spur jingles now, and sweares by no meane oathes,

He's double honour'd, since h'as got gay cloathes:

Most like his Suite, and all commend the Trim;

And thus they praise the Sumpter; but not him:

As to the Goddesse, people did conferre

Worship, and not to'th' Asse that carried her.

To his Brother Nicolas Herrick.

W Hat others have with cheapnesse seene, and ease,
In Varnisht maps; by'th' helpe of Compasses:

Or reade in Volumes, and those Bookes, with all Their large Narrations, Incanonicall, Thou hast beheld those seas, and Countries farre; And tel'st to us, what once they were, and are. So that with bold truth, thou canst now relate This Kingdomes fortune, and that Empires fate: Canst talke to us of Sharon; where a spring Of Roses have an endlesse flourishing. Of Sion, Sinai, Nebo, and with them, Make knowne to us the new Ferusalem. The Mount of Olives; Calverie, and where Is, and hast seene, thy Saviours Sepulcher. So that the man that will but lay his eares, As Inapostate, to the thing he heares, Shall be his hearing quickly come to fee The truth of Travails leffe in bookes then Thee.

The Voice and Violl.

R Are is the voice it selfe; but when we sing To'th' Lute or Violl, then 'tis ravishing.

Warre.

IF Kings and kingdomes, once distracted be, The sword of war must trie the Soveraignty.

A King and no King.

That Prince, who may doe nothing but what's just,
Rules but by leave, and takes his Crowne on trust.

Plots not still prosperous.

A Ll are not ill Plots, that doe sometimes faile; Nor those false vows, which oft times don't prevaile.

Flatterie.

What is't that wasts a Prince? example showes,
'Tis flatterie spends a King, more then his foes.

Upon Rumpe.

R Umpe is a Turne-broach, yet he seldome can Steale a swolne sop out of the Dripping pan.

Upon Shopter.

OLd Widow Shopter, when so ere she cryes, Lets drip a certain Gravie from her eyes.

Upon Deb.

IF felt and heard, unseen, thou dost me please; If seen, thou lik'st me, Deb, in none of these.

Excesse.

E Xcesse is sluttish: keepe the meane; for why? Vertue's clean Conclave is sobriety.

Upon Croot.

O Ne filver spoon shines in the house of Croot; Who cannot buie, or steale a second to't.

The Soul is the Salt.

The flesh soone sucks in putrifaction.

Upon Flood, or a thankfull Man.

R Lood, if he has for him and his a bit, He sayes his fore and after Grace for it: If meate he wants, then Grace he sayes to see His hungry belly borne by Legs Jaile-free. Thus have, or have not, all alike is good, To this our poore, yet ever patient Flood.

Upon Pimpe.

W Hen Pimpes feet sweat, as they doe often use, There springs a sope-like-lather in his shoos.

Upon Luske.

IN Den'-shire Kerzie Lusk, when he was dead, Wo'd shrouded be, and therewith buried. When his Assignes askt him the reason why? He said, because he got his wealth thereby.

Foolishnesse.

I N's Tusc'lanes, Tullie doth confesse, No plague ther's like to foolishnesse.

Upon Rush.

 $\mathbf{R}^{\textit{U/h}}$ faves his shooes, in wet and snowie wether;

And feares in fummer to weare out the lether: This is strong thrift that warie Rush doth use Summer and Winter still to save his shooes.

Abstinence.

A Gainst diseases here the strongest sence Is the desensive vertue, Abstinence.

No Danger to Men desperate.

When feare admits no hope of fafety, then Necessity makes dastards valiant men.

Sauce for Sorrowes.

A Lthough our suffering meet with no reliefe,
An equall mind is the best sauce for griefe.

To Cupid.

Have a leaden, thou a shaft of gold;
Thou kil'st with heate, and I strike dead with
Let's trie of us who shall the first expire; [cold.
Or thou by frost, or I by quenchlesse fire:
Extreames are fatall, where they once doe strike,
And bring to'th' heart destruction both alike.

Distrust.

WHat ever men for Loyalty pretend, 'TisWisdomes part to doubt a faithfull friend.

The Hagg.

The staffe is now greas'd, And very well pleas'd, She cockes out her Arse at the parting, To an old Ram Goat, That rattles i' th' throat, Halfe choakt with the stink of her farting.

In a dirtie Haire lace
She leads on a brace
Of black-bore-cats to attend her;
Who scratch at the Moone,
And threaten at noone
Of night from Heaven for to rend her.

A hunting she goes;
A crackt horne she blowes;
At which the hounds fall a bounding;
While th' Moone in her sphere
Peepes trembling for feare,
And night's afraid of the sounding.

The Mount of the Muses.

A Fter thy labour take thine ease,
Here with the sweet *Pierides*.
But if so be that men will not
Give thee the Laurell Crowne for lot;
Be yet assur'd, thou shalt have one
Not subject to corruption.

On Himselfe.

I L'e write no more of Love; but now repent Of all those times that I in it have spent. Ile write no more of life; but wish twas ended, And that my dust was to the earth commended.

To his Booke.

Goe thou forth, my booke, though late; Yet be timely fortunate.

It may chance good-luck may fend Thee a kinfman, or a friend,

That may harbour thee, when I,

With my fates neglected lye.

If thou know'ft not where to dwell,

See, the fier's by: Farewell.

The End of his Worke.

Part of the worke remaines; one part is past: And here my ship rides having Anchor cast.

To Crowne it.

MY wearied Barke, O let it now be Crown'd!

The Haven reacht to which I first was bound.

On Himselfe.

The worke is done: young men and maidens, fet
Upon my curles the Mirtle Coronet,

Washt with sweet ointments; Thus at last I come To suffer in the Muses Martyrdome: But with this comfort, if my blood be shed, The Muses will weare blackes, when I am dead.

The pillar of Fame.

RAmes pillar here, at last, we set, Out-during Marble, Braffe, or Fet, Charm'd and enchanted fo, As to withstand the blow Of overthrow: Nor shall the seas, Or Outrages Of storms orebear What we up-rear, Tho Kingdoms fal, pillar This never Decline or waste at all; But stand for ever by his owne Firme and well fixt foundation.

To his Book's end this last line he'd have plac't,

Jocond his Muse was; but his Life was chast.

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HIS

NOBLE NUMBERS:

OR.

HIS PIOUS PIECES.

Wherein (amongst other things)

He sings the Birth of his Christ:

and sighes for his Saviours

suffering on the

Crosse.

HESIOD.

"Ίδμεν ψεύδεα πολλά λέγειν ἐτύμοισιν όμοῖα. "Ίδμεν δ' εὖτ' ἐθέλωμεν, ἀληθέα μυθήσασθαι.



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His Noble Numbers: or,

His Pious Pieces.

His Confession.



Ook how our foule Dayes do exceed our faire;

And as our bad, more then our good Works are,

Ev'n fo those Lines, pen'd by my wanton Wit, Treble the number of these good I've writ. Things precious are least num'rous: Men are prone

To do ten Bad, for one Good Action.

His Prayer for Absolution.

Por Those my unbaptized Rhimes, Writ in my wild unhallowed Times; For every sentence, clause, and word, That's not inlaid with Thee, my Lord, Forgive me, God, and blot each Line
Out of my Book, that is not Thine.
But if, 'mongst all, thou find'st here one
Worthy thy Benediction;
That One of all the rest, shall be
The Glory of my Work, and Me.

To finde God.

[X7Eigh me the Fire; or canst thou find A way to measure out the Wind; Distinguish all those Floods that are Mixt in that watrie Theater; And tast thou them as saltlesse there, As in their Channell first they were. Tell me the People that do keep Within the Kingdomes of the Deep; Or fetch me back that Cloud againe, Beshiver'd into seeds of Raine; Tell me the motes, dust, sands, and speares Of Corn, when Summer shakes his eares; Shew me that world of Starres, and whence They noiselesse spill their Influence: This if thou canst: then shew me Him That rides the glorious Cherubim.

What God is.

GOD is above the sphere of our esteem, And is the best known, not defining Him.

Upon God.

GOD is not onely faid to be An Ens, but Supraentitie.

Mercy and Love.

GOD hath two wings, which He doth ever move,

The one is Mercy, and the next is Love:

Under the first the Sinners ever trust;

And with the last he still directs the Just.

Gods Anger without Affection.

GOD when He's angry here with any one, His wrath is free from perturbation; And when we think His looks are sowre and grim, The alteration is in us, not Him.

God not to be comprehended.

'Is hard to finde God, but to comprehend Him, as He is, is labour without end.

Gods part.

PRayers and Praises are those spotlesse two Lambs, by the Law, which God requires as due.

Affliction.

GOD n'ere afflicts us more then our desert, Though He may seem to over-act His part: Somtimes He strikes us more then sless can beare; But yet still lesse then Grace can suffer here.

Three fatall Sisters.

Three fatall Sisters wait upon each fin; First, Fear and Shame without, then Guilt within.

Silence.

S Uffer thy legs, but not thy tongue to walk: God, the most Wise, is sparing of His talk.

Mirth.

Rue mirth resides not in the smiling skin:
The sweetest solace is to act no sin.

Loading and Unloading.

GOD loads, and unloads; thus His work begins,
To load with bleffings, and unload from fins.

Gods Mercy.

ODS boundlesse mercy is, to sinfull man, Like to the ever-wealthy Ocean: Which though it sends forth thousand streams, 'tis ne're

Known, or els seen to be the emptier: And though it takes all in, 'tis yet no more Full, and fild-full, then when full-fild before.

Prayers must have Poise.

GOD He rejects all Prayers that are fleight, And want their Poise: words ought to have their weight.

To God: an Anthem, sung in the Chappell at White-Hall, before the King.

Verse. MY God, I'm wounded by my sin, And sore without, and sick within:

Ver. Chor. I come to Thee, in hope to find Salve for my body, and my mind.

Verse. In Gilead though no Balme be found, To ease this smart, or cure this wound;

Ver. Chor. Yet, Lord, I know there is with Thee All faving health, and help for me.

Verse. Then reach Thou forth that hand of Thine,

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That powres in oyle, as well as wine. Ver. Chor. And let it work, for I'le endure The utmost smart, so Thou wilt cure.

Upon God.

GOD is all fore-part; for, we never fee Any part backward in the Deitie.

Calling, and Correcting.

GOD is not onely mercifull, to call Men to repent, but when He strikes withall.

No Escaping the Scourging.

OD fcourgeth some severely, some He spares; But all in smart have lesse, or greater shares.

The Rod.

GODS Rod doth watch while men do sleep; and then
The Rod doth sleep, while vigilant are men.

God has a twofold part.

GOD when for fin He makes His Children fmart,
His own He acts not, but anothers part:

But when by stripes He saves them, then 'tis known,
He comes to play the part that is His own.

God is One.

GOD, as He is most Holy knowne; So He is said to be most One.

Persecutions profitable.

A Fflictions they most profitable are
To the beholder, and the sufferer:
Bettering them both, but by a double straine,
The first by patience, and the last by paine.

To God.

Do with me, God! as Thou didst deal with John,
(Who writ that heavenly Revelation);
Let me, like him, first cracks of thunder heare;
Then let the Harps inchantments strike mine eare;
Here give me thornes; there, in thy Kingdome, set
Upon my head the golden coronet;
There give me day; but here my dreadfull night:
My sackcloth here; but there my Stole of white.

Whips.

GOD has his whips here to a twofold end, The bad to punish, and the good t'amend

Gods Providence.

If all transgressions here should have their pay What need there then be of a reckning day: If God should punish no sin, here, of men, His Providence who would not question then?

Temptation.

The Devill tempts not leaft.

His Ejaculation to God.

MY God! looke on me with thine eye
Of pittie, not of scrutinie;
For if thou dost, thou then shalt see
Nothing but loathsome sores in mee.
O then! for mercies sake, behold
These my irruptions manifold;
And heale me with thy looke, or touch:
But if thou wilt not deigne so much,
Because I'm odious in thy sight,
Speak but the word, and cure me quite.

Gods Gifts not soone granted.

GOD heares us when we pray, but yet defers His gifts, to exercise Petitioners:
And though a while He makes Requesters stay,
With Princely hand He'l recompence delay.

Persecutions purifie.

OD strikes His Church, but 'tis to this intent,
To make, not marre her, by this punishment:
So where He gives the bitter Pills, be sure,
'Tis not to poyson, but to make thee pure.

Pardon.

GOD pardons those, who do through frailty fin;
But never those that persevere therein.

An Ode of the Birth of our Saviour.

IN Numbers, and but these few, I sing Thy Birth, Oh JESU! Thou prettie Babie, borne here, With sup'rabundant scorn here: Who for Thy Princely Port here, Hadst for Thy place Of Birth, a base Out-stable for thy Court here.

Instead of neat Inclosures
Of inter-woven Osiers;
Instead of fragrant Posies
Of Dassadills, and Roses;
Thy cradle, Kingly Stranger,
As Gospell tells,
Was nothing els,
But, here, a homely manger.

But we with Silks, not Cruells,
With fundry precious Jewells,
And Lilly-work will dreffe Thee;
And as we dispossesse thee
Of clouts, wee'l make a chamber,
Sweet Babe, for Thee,
Of Ivorie,
And plaister'd round with Amber.

The Jewes they did distaine Thee,
But we will entertaine Thee
With Glories to await here
Upon Thy Princely State here,
And more for love, then pittie.
From yeere to yeere

Wee'l make Thee, here,
A Free-born of our Citie.

Lip-labour.

IN the old Scripture I have often read, The calfe without meale n'ere was offered; To figure to us, nothing more then this, Without the heart, lip-labour nothing is.

The Heart.

IN Prayer the Lips ne're act the winning part, Without the sweet concurrence of the Heart.

Eare-rings.

Why wore th' Egyptians Jewells in the Eare? But for to teach us, all the grace is there, When we obey, by acting what we heare.

Sin feen.

When once the fin has fully acted been, Then is the horror of the trespasse seen.

Upon Time.

The was upon
The wing, to flie away;
And I cal'd on
Him but a while to flay;
But he'd be gone,
For ought that I could fay.

He held out then,
A Writing, as he went;
And askt me, when
False man would be content
To pay agen,
What God and Nature lent.

An houre-glaffe,
In which were fands but few,
As he did paffe,
He shew'd, and told me too,
Mine end near was,
And so away he slew.

His Petition.

IF warre, or want shall make me grow so poore, As for to beg my bread from doore to doore; Lord! let me never act that beggars part, Who hath thee in his mouth, not in his heart. He who asks almes in that so sacred Name, Without due reverence, playes the cheaters game.

To God.

Thou hast promis'd, Lord, to be With me in my miserie; Suffer me to be so bold, As to speak, Lord, say and hold.

His Letanie, to the Holy Spirit.

IN the houre of my diftreffe,
When temptations me oppreffe,
And when I my fins confesse,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed, Sick in heart, and fick in head, And with doubts discomforted, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth figh and weep, And the world is drown'd in sleep, Yet mine eyes the watch do keep; Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the artleffe Doctor fees
No one hope, but of his Fees,
And his skill runs on the lees;
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When his Potion and his Pill,
His, or none, or little fkill,
Meet for nothing, but to kill;
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the paffing-bell doth tole, And the Furies in a shole Come to fright a parting soule; Sweet Spirit, comfort me! When the tapers now burne blew,
And the comforters are few,
And that number more then true;
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the Priest his last hath praid, And I nod to what is said, 'Cause my speech is now decaid; Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When, God knowes, I'm tost about, Either with despaire, or doubt; Yet before the glasse be out, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the Tempter me pursu'th
With the fins of all my youth,
And halfe damns me with untruth;
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the flames and hellish cries
Fright mine eares, and fright mine eyes,
And all terrors me surprize;
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the Judgment is reveal'd, And that open'd which was feal'd, When to Thee I have appeal'd; Sweet Spirit, comfort me;

Thanksgiving.

THanksgiving for a former, doth invite God to bestow a second benefit.

Cock-crow.

BEll-man of Night, if I about shall go For to denie my Master, do thou crow. Thou stop'st S. Peter in the midst of sin; Stay me, by crowing, ere I do begin; Better it is, premonish'd, for to shun A sin, then fall to weeping when 'tis done.

All things run well for the Righteous.

A Dverse and prosperous Fortunes both work on

Here, for the righteous mans salvation:

Be he oppos'd, or be he not withstood,

All serve to th' Augmentation of his good.

Paine ends in Pleasure.

A Fflictions bring us joy in times to come, When fins, by stripes, to us grow wearifome.

To God.

I'Le come, I'le creep, though Thou dost threat,
Humbly unto Thy Mercy-seat:
When I am there, this then I'le do,
Give Thee a Dart, and Dagger too;
Next, when I have my faults confest,
Naked I'le shew a sighing brest;
Which if that can't Thy pittie wooe,
Then let Thy Justice do the rest,
And strike it through.

A Thanksgiving to God, for his House.

Cord, Thou hast given me a cell
Wherein to dwell;
A little house, whose humble Roos
Is weather-proos;
Under the sparres of which I lie
Both soft, and drie;
Where Thou my chamber for to ward
Hast set a Guard
Of harmlesse thoughts, to watch and keep
Me, while I sleep,
Low is my porch, as is my Fate,
Both void of state;
And yet the threshold of my doore
Is worn by th' poore,

Who thither come, and freely get Good words, or meat:

Like as my Parlour, so my Hall

And Kitchin's fmall:

A little Butterie, and therein A little Byn,

Which keeps my little loafe of Bread Unchipt, unflead:

Some brittle sticks of Thorne or Brian Make me a fire.

Close by whose living coale I sit, And glow like it.

Lord, I confesse too, when I dine, The Pulse is Thine,

And all those other Bits, that bee There plac'd by Thee;

The Worts, the Purssain, and the Messe Of Water-creffe,

Which of Thy kindnesse Thou hast sent; And my content

Makes those, and my beloved Beet, To be more fweet.

'Tis thou that crown'st my glittering Hearth With guiltleffe mirth;

And giv'st me Wassaile Bowles to drink, Spic'd to the brink.

Lord, 'tis thy plenty-dropping hand, That foiles my land;

And giv'st me, for my Bushell sowne, Twice ten for one:

Thou mak'st my teeming Hen to lay
Her egg each day:
Besides my healthfull Ewes to beare
Me twins each yeare:
The while the conduits of my Kine
Run Creame, for Wine.
All these, and better Thou dost send,
Me, to this end,
That I should render, for my part,
A thankfull heart;
Which, fir'd with incense, I resigne,
As wholly Thine;
But the acceptance, that must be,
My Christ, by Thee.

To God.

Make, make me Thine, my gracious God, Or with thy staffe, or with thy rod; And be the blow too what it will, Lord, I will kisse it, though it kill:
Beat me, bruise me, rack me, rend me, Yet, in torments, I'le commend Thee:
Examine me with fire, and prove me
To the full, yet I will love Thee:
Nor shalt thou give so deep a wound,
But I as patient will be found.

Another, to God.

Ord, do not beat me,
Since I do fob and crie,
And fwowne away to die,
Ere Thou dost threat me.
Lord, do not scourge me,
If I by lies and oaths
Have soil'd my selfe, or cloaths,
But rather purge me.

None truly happy here.

HAppy's that man, to whom God gives A flock of Goods, whereby he lives Neer to the wishes of his heart: No man is bleft through ev'ry part.

To his ever-loving God.

CAn I not come to Thee, my God, for these So very-many-meeting hindrances,
That slack my pace; but yet not make me stay?
Who slowly goes, rids (in the end) his way.
Cleere Thou my paths, or shorten Thou my miles,

Remove the barrs, or lift me o're the stiles: Since rough the way is, help me when I call, And take me up; or els prevent the sall. I kenn my home; and it affords some ease, To see far off the smoaking Villages. Fain would I rest; yet covet not to die, For seare of suture-biting penurie: No, no, my God, Thou know'st my wishes be To leave this life, not loving it, but Thee.

Another.

Thou bidst me come; I cannot come; for why,
Thou dwel'st alost, and I want wings to slie.
To mount my Soule, she must have pineons given;
For, 'tis no easie way from Earth to Heaven.

To Death.

Thou bidft me come away,
And I'le no longer stay,
Then for to shed some teares
For faults of former yeares;
And to repent some crimes,
Done in the present times:
And next, to take a bit
Of Bread, and Wine with it:
To d'on my robes of love,
Fit for the place above;
To gird my loynes about
With charity throughout;

And so to travaile hence With feet of innocence: These done, I'le onely crie God mercy; and so die,

Neutrality loathsome.

GOD will have all, or none; serve Him, or fall Down before Baal, Bel, or Belial:
Either be hot, or cold: God doth despise,
Abhorre, and spew out all Neutralities.

Welcome what comes.

WHatever comes, let's be content withall:
Among God's Bleffings, there is no one fmall.

To his angrie God.

Through all the night
Thou dost me fright,
And hold'st mine eyes from sleeping;
And day, by day,
My Cup can say,
My wine is mixt with weeping.

Thou dost my bread
With ashes knead,
Each evening and each morrow:

Mine eye and eare
Do see, and heare
The coming in of sorrow.

Thy scourge of steele,
Ay me! I feele,
Upon me beating ever:
While my sick heart
With dismall smart
Is disacquainted never.

Long, long, I'm fure,
This can't endure;
But in fhort time 'twill please Thee,
My gentle God,
To burn the rod,
Or strike so as to ease me.

Patience, or Comforts in Crosses.

A Bundant plagues I late have had, Yet none of these have made me sad: For why, my Saviour, with the sense Of suffring, gives me patience.

Eternitie.

O Yeares! and Age! Farewell:
Behold I go,
Where I do know
Infinitie to dwell.

And these mine eyes shall see
All times, how they
Are lost i' th' Sea
Of vast Eternitie.

Where never Moone shall sway
The Starres; but she,
And Night, shall be
Drown'd in one endlesse Day.

To his Saviour, a Child; a Present, by a child.

O, prettie child, and beare this Flower Unto thy little Saviour; And tell Him, by that Bud now blown, He is the Rose of Sharon known: When thou hast said so, stick it there Upon his Bibb, or Stomacher: And tell Him, for good handfell too, That thou hast brought a Whistle new, Made of a clean strait oaten reed. To charme his cries, at time of need: Tell Him, for Corall, thou hast none; But if thou hadft, He sho'd have one; But poore thou art, and knowne to be Even as monilesse, as He. Lastly, if thou canst win a kisse From those mellifluous lips of his;

Then never take a second on, To spoile the first impression.

The New-yeeres Gift.

Let others look for Pearle and Gold, Tiffues, or Tabbies manifold: One onely lock of that fweet Hay Whereon the bleffed Babie lay, Or one poore Swadling-clout, shall be The richest New-yeeres Gift to me,

To God.

IF any thing delight me for to print
My Book, 'tis this; that Thou, my God, art
in't.

God, and the King.

HOw am I bound to Two! God, who doth give
The mind; the King, the meanes whereby I live.

Gods Mirth, Mans Mourning.

WHere God is merry, there write down thy fears:

What He with laughter speaks, heare thou with tears.

Honours are hindrances.

GIve me Honours: what are these, But the pleasing hindrances? Stiles, and stops, and stayes, that come In the way 'twixt me, and home: Cleer the walk, and then shall I To my heaven lesse run, then slie.

The Parasceve, or Preparation.

TO a Love-Feast we both invited are:
The figur'd Damask, or pure Diaper,
Over the golden Altar now is spread,
With Bread, and Wine, and Vessells surnished;
The facred Towell, and the holy Eure
Are ready by, to make the Guests all pure:
Let's go, my Alma, yet, e're we receive,
Fit, sit it is, we have our Parasceve.
Who to that sweet Bread unprepar'd doth come,
Better he starv'd, then but to tast one crumme.

To God.

Od gives not onely corne, for need, But likewise sup'rabundant seed; Bread for our service, bread for shew; Meat for our meales, and fragments too: He gives not poorly, taking some Between the singer, and the thumb; But, for our glut, and for our store, Fine slowre prest down, and running o're.

A will to be working.

A Lthough we cannot turne the fervent fit Of sin, we must strive 'gainst the streame of it: And howsoe're we have the conquest mist; 'Tis for our glory, that we did resist.

Christs Part.

CHRIST, He requires still, wheresoere He comes,

To feed, or lodge, to have the best of Roomes: Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part Of all the House: the best of all's the Heart.

Riches and Poverty.

GOD co'd have made all rich, or all men poore; But why He did not, let me tell wherefore: Had all been rich, where then had Patience been? Had all been poore, who had His Bounty seen?

Sobriety in Search.

TO feek of God more then we well can find, Argues a strong distemper of the mind.

Almes.

GIve, if thou canst, an Almes; if not, afford, Instead of that, a sweet and gentle word: God crowns our goodnesse, wheresoere He sees, On our part, wanting all abilities.

To his Conscience.

An I not fin, but thou wilt be Can I not wooe thee to passe by A short and sweet iniquity? I'le cast a mist and cloud, upon My delicate transgression, So utter dark, as that no eye Shall see the hug'd impietie: Gifts blind the wife, and bribes do please, And winde all other witnesses: And wilt not thou, with gold, be ti'd To lay thy pen and ink aside? That in the mirk and tonguelesse night, Wanton I may, and thou not write? It will not be: And, therefore, now, For times to come, I'le make this Vow, From aberrations to live free; So I'le not feare the Judge, or thee.

To his Saviour.

ORD, I confesse, that Thou alone art able. To purishe this my Augean stable:

Be the Seas water, and the Land all Sope,
Yet if Thy Bloud not wash me, there's no hope.

To God.

OD is all-fufferance here; here He doth show No Arrow nockt, onely a stringlesse Bow: His Arrowes slie; and all his stones are hurl'd Against the wicked, in another world.

His Dreame.

Dreamt, last night, Thou didst transsuse Oyle from Thy Jarre, into my creuze; And powring still, Thy wealthy store, The vessell full, did then run ore: Me thought, I did Thy bounty chide, To see the waste; but 'twas repli'd By Thee, Deare God, God gives man seed Ost-times for wast, as for his need. Then I co'd say, that house is bare, That has not bread, and some to spare.

Gods Bounty.

GODS Bounty, that ebbs lesse and lesse, As men do wane in thankfulnesse.

To his sweet Saviour.

Ight hath no wings, to him that cannot fleep; And Time feems then, not for to flie, but `creep;

Slowly her chariot drives, as if that she Had broke her wheele, or crackt her axeltree. Just so it is with me, who list'ning, pray The winds, to blow the tedious night away; That I might see the cheerfull peeping day. Sick is my heart! O Saviour! do Thou please To make my bed soft in my sicknesses: Lighten my candle, so that I beneath Sleep not for ever in the vaults of death: Let me Thy voice betimes i'th'morning heare; Call, and I'le come; say Thou, the when, and where:

Draw me, but first, and after Thee I'le run, And make no one stop, till my race be done.

His Creed.

I Do believe, that die I must, And be return'd from out my dust:

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I do believe, that when I rise,
Christ I shall see, with these same eyes:
I do believe, that I must come,
With others, to the dreadfull Doome:
I do believe, the bad must goe
From thence, to everlasting woe:
I do believe, the good, and I,
Shall live with Him eternally:
I do believe, I shall inherit
Heaven, by Christs mercies, not my merit:
I do believe, the One in Three,
And Three in perfect Unitie:
Lastly, that JESUS is a Deed
Of Gift from God: And heres my Creed.

Temptations.

TEmptations hurt not, though they have acceffe:
Satan o'ercomes none, but by willingnesse.

The Lamp.

When a man's Faith is frozen up, as dead; Then is the Lamp and oyle extinguished.

Sorrowes.

SOrrowes our portion are: Ere hence we goe, Crosses we must have; or, hereaster woe.

Penitencie.

A Mans transgression God do's then remit, When man he makes a Penitent for it.

The Dirge of Jephthahs Daughter: fung by the Virgins.

O Thou, the wonder of all dayes!
O Paragon, and Pearle of praise!
O Virgin-martyr, ever bleft

Above the rest Of all the Maiden-Traine! We come, And bring fresh strewings to thy Tombe.

Thus, thus, and thus we compasse round Thy harmlesse and unhaunted Ground; And as we sing thy Dirge, we will The Dassadill,

And other flowers, lay upon (The Altar of our love) thy Stone.

Thou wonder of all Maids, li'ft here,
Of Daughters all, the Deerest Deere;
The eye of Virgins; nay, the Queen
Of this smooth Green,

And all fweet Meades; from whence we get The Primrofe, and the Violet. Too foon, too deere did Jephthah buy,
By thy fad losse, our liberty:
His was the Bond and Cov'nant, yet
Thou paid'st the debt,
Lamented Maid! he won the day,
But for the conquest thou didst pay.

Thy Father brought with him along
The Olive branch, and Victors Song:
He flew the Ammonites, we know,
But to thy woe;
And in the purchase of our Peace,
The Cure was worse then the Disease.

For which obedient zeale of thine,
We offer here, before thy Shrine,
Our fighs for Storax, teares for Wine;
And to make fine,
And fresh thy Herse-cloth, we will, here,
Foure times bestrew thee ev'ry yeere.

Receive, for this thy praise, our teares:
Receive this offering of our Haires:
Receive these Christall Vialls fil'd
With teares, distil'd
From teeming eyes; to these we bring,
Each Maid, her silver Filleting,

To guild thy Tombe; besides, these Caules, These Laces, Ribbands, and these Faules, These Veiles, wherewith we use to hide

The Bashfull Bride,

When we conduct her to her Groome:

All, all we lay upon thy Tombe.

No more, no more, fince thou art dead, Shall we ere bring coy Brides to bed; No more, at yeerly Festivalls

We Cowslip balls,

Or chaines of Columbines shall make, For this, or that occasions sake.

No, no; our Maiden-pleasures be Wrapt in the winding-sheet, with thee: 'Tis we are dead, though not i'th'grave: Or, if we have

One feed of life left, 'tis to keep A Lent for thee, to fast and weep.

Sleep in thy peace, thy bed of Spice; And make this place all Paradise: May Sweets grow here! & smoke from hence, Fat Frankincense:

Let Balme, and Cassia send their scent From out thy Maiden-Monument.

May no Wolfe howle, or Screech-Owle stir A wing about thy Sepulcher! No boysterous winds, or stormes, come hither, To starve, or wither Thy foft fweet Earth! but, like a spring, Love keep it ever flourishing.

May all shie Maids, at wonted hours,
Come forth, to strew thy Tombe with flow'rs:
May Virgins, when they come to mourn,
Male-Incense burn

Upon thine Altar! then return, And leave thee sleeping in thy Urn.

To God, on his ficknesse.

What though my Harp, and Violl be Both hung upon the Willow-tree? What though my bed be now my grave, And for my house I darknesse have? What though my healthfull dayes are sled, And I lie numbred with the dead? Yet I have hope, by Thy great power, To spring; though now a wither'd flower.

Sins loath'd, and yet lov'd.

Shame checks our first attempts; but then 'tis prov'd,
Sins first dislik'd, are after that below'd.

Sin.

S In leads the way, but as it goes, it feels
The following plague still treading on his heels.



Upon God.

GOD when He takes my goods and chattels hence,
Gives me a portion, giving patience:
What is in God is God; if so it be,
He patience gives; He gives himselfe to me.

Faith.

W Hat here we hope for, we shall once inherit: By Faith we all walk here, not by the Spirit.

Humility.

Humble we must be, if to Heaven we go: High is the roof there; but the gate is low: When e're thou speak'st, look with a lowly eye: Grace is increased by humility.

Teares,

Our present Teares here, not our present laughter,

Are but the handsells of our joyes hereafter.

Sin and Strife.

A Fter true forrow for our finnes, our strife Must last with Satan, to the end of life.

An Ode, or Psalme, to God.

DEer God,
If thy fmart Rod
Here did not make me forrie,
I sho'd not be
With Thine, or Thee,
In Thy eternall Glorie.

But fince
Thou didst convince
My finnes, by gently striking;
Add still to those
First stripes, new blowes,
According to Thy liking.

Feare me,
Or scourging teare me;
That thus from vices driven,
I may from Hell
Flie up, to dwell
With Thee, and Thine in Heaven.

Graces for Children.

WHat God gives, and what we take, 'Tis a gift for Christ His sake: Be the meale of Beanes and Pease, God be thank'd for those, and these:

Have we flesh, or have we fish, All are Fragments from His dish. He His Church save, and the King, And our Peace here, like a Spring, Make it ever flourishing.

God to be first serv'd.

HOnour thy Parents; but good manners call Thee to adore thy God, the first of all.

Another Grace for a Child.

Here a little child I stand,
Heaving up my either hand;
Cold as Paddocks though they be,
Here I lift them up to Thee,
For a Benizon to fall
On our meat, and on us all. Amen.

A Christmas Caroll, sung to the King in the Presence at White-Hall.

Chor. W Hat fweeter musick can we bring, Then a Caroll, for to sing The Birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the Voice! Awake the String! Heart, Eare, and Eye, and every thing Awake! the while the active Finger Runs division with the Singer.

From the Flourish they came to the Song.

- I Dark and dull Night, flie hence away, And give the honour to this Day, That sees December turn'd to May.
- 2 If we may ask the reason, say;
 The why, and wherefore all things here
 Seem like the Spring-time of the yeere?
- 3 Why do's the chilling Winters morne Smile, like a field befet with corne? Or finell, like to a Meade new-shorne, Thus, on the sudden? 4. Come and see The cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis He is borne, whose quickning Birth Gives life and luster, publike mirth, To Heaven, and the under-Earth.
- Chor. We see Him come, and know him ours, Who, with His Sun-shine, and His showers, Turnes all the patient ground to flowers.
 - I The Darling of the world is come, And fit it is, we finde a roome To welcome Him. 2. The nobler part Of all the house here, is the heart,
- Chor. Which we will give Him; and bequeath This Hollie, and this Ivie Wreath,

To do Him honour; who's our King, And Lord of all this Revelling.

The Musicall Part was composed by M. Henry Lawes.

The New-yeeres Gift, or Circumcifions Song, fung to the King in the Presence at White-Hall.

- PRepare for Songs; He's come, He's come;
 And be it fin here to be dumb,
 And not with Lutes to fill the roome.
- 2 Cast Holy Water all about, And have a care no fire gos out, But 'cense the porch, and place throughout.
- 3 The Altars all on fier be;
 The Storax fries; and ye may fee,
 How heart and hand do all agree,
 To make things fweet. Chor. Yet all less fweet then He.
 - 4 Bring Him along, most pious Priest,
 And tell us then, when as thou seest
 His gently-gliding, Dove-like eyes,
 And hear'st His whimp'ring, and His cries;
 How canst thou this Babe circumcise?

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- 5 Ye must not be more pitifull then wise;
 For, now unlesse ye see Him bleed,
 Which makes the Bapti'me; 'tis decreed,
 The Birth is fruitlesse: Chor. Then the work God
 speed.
- Touch gently, gently touch; and here Spring Tulips up through all the yeere; And from His facred Bloud, here shed, May Roses grow, to crown His own deare Head.
- Chor. Back, back again; each thing is done With zeale alike, as 'twas begun;

Now finging, homeward let us carrie
The Babe unto His Mother Marie;
And when we have the Child commended
To her warm bosome, then our Rites are ended.

Composed by M. Henry Lawes.

Another New-yeeres Gift, or Song for the Circumcission.

- HEnce, hence, prophane, and none appeare
 With any thing unhallowed, here:
 No jot of Leven must be found
 Conceal'd in this most holy Ground:
- 2 What is corrupt, or fowr'd with fin, Leave that without, then enter in;

- Chor. But let no Christmas mirth begin
 Before ye purge, and circumcise
 Your hearts, and hands, lips, eares, and eyes.
 - Then, like a perfum'd Altar, fee
 That all things fweet, and clean may be:
 For, here's a Babe, that, like a Bride,
 Will blush to death, if ought be spi'd
 Ill-scenting, or unpurifi'd.
- Chor. The room is cens'd: help, help t'invoke Heaven to come down, the while we choke The Temple, with a cloud of smoke.
 - 4 Come then, and gently touch the Birth Of Him, who's Lord of Heav'n and Earth;
 - 5 And foftly handle Him: y'ad need, Because the prettie Babe do's bleed. Poore-pittied Child! who from Thy Stall Bring'st in Thy Blood, a Balm, that shall Be the best New-yeares Gift to all.
 - I Let's bleffe the Babe: And, as we fing His praise; so let us bleffe the King:
- Chor. Long may He live, till He hath told
 His New-yeeres trebled to His old:
 And, when that's done, to re-aspire
 A new-borne Phænix from His own chast fire.

Gods Pardon.

When I shall sin, pardon my trespasse here; For, once in hell, none knowes Remission there.

Sin.

S In once reacht up to Gods eternall Sphere, And was committed, not remitted there.

Evill.

E Vill no Nature hath; the losse of good Is that which gives to sin a livelihood.

The Star-Song: a Caroll to the King; fung at White-Hall.

The Flourish of Musick: then followed the Song.

- TEll us, thou cleere and heavenly Tongue,
 Where is the Babe but lately fprung?
 Lies He the Lillie-banks among?
- 2 Or fay, if this new Birth of ours Sleeps, laid within fome Ark of Flowers, Spangled with deaw-light; thou canft cleere All doubts, and manifest the where.

3 Declare to us, bright Star, if we shall seek Him in the Mornings blushing cheek, Or search the beds of Spices through, To find him out?

Star. No, this ye need not do;
But only come, and see Him rest
A Princely Babe in's Mothers Brest.

Chor. He's feen, He's feen, why then a Round, Let's kiffe the fweet and holy ground; And all rejoyce, that we have found A King, before conception crown'd.

4 Come then, come then, and let us bring Unto our prettie Twelfth-Tide King, Each one his severall offering;

Chor. And when night comes, wee'l give Him wassailing:

And that His treble Honours may be seen, Wee'l chuse Him King, and make His Mother Queen.

To God.

WIth golden Cenfers, and with Incenfe, here, Before Thy Virgin-Altar I appeare, To pay Thee that I owe, fince what I fee In, or without; all, all belongs to Thee: Where shall I now begin to make, for one

Least loane of Thine, half Restitution?
Alas! I cannot pay a jot; therefore
I'le kisse the Tally, and confesse the score.
Ten thousand Talents lent me, Thou dost write:
'Tis true, my God; but I can't pay one mite.

To his deere God.

I'Le hope no more,
For things that will not come:
And, if they do, they prove but cumbersome;
Wealth brings much woe:
And, since it fortunes so;
'Tis better to be poore,
Than so t'abound,
As to be drown'd,
Or overwhelm'd with store.

Pale care, avant,
I'le learn to be content
With that finall flock, Thy Bounty gave or lent.
What may conduce
To my most healthfull use,
Almighty God, me grant;
But that, or this,
That hurtfull is,
Denie Thy suppliant.

To God, his good Will.

Old I have none, but I present my need,
O Thou, that crown'st the will, where wants
the deed.

Where Rams are wanting, or large Bullocks thighs, There a poor Lamb's a plenteous facrifice. Take then his Vowes, who, if he had it, would Devote to Thee, both incense, myrrhe, and gold, Upon an Altar rear'd by Him, and crown'd Both with the Rubie, Pearle, and Diamond.

On Heaven.

PErmit mine eyes to see
Part, or the whole of Thee,
O happy place!
Where all have Grace,
And Garlands shar'd,
For their reward;
Where each chast Soule
In long white stole,
And Palmes in hand,
Do ravisht stand;
So in a ring,
The praises sing
Of Three in One,
That fill the Throne;

While Harps, and Violls then To Voices, fay, Amen.

The Summe, and the Satisfaction.

Aft night I drew up mine Account,
And found my Debits to amount
To fuch a height, as for to tell
How I sho'd pay, 's impossible:
Well, this I'le do; my mighty score
Thy mercy-seat I'le lay before;
But therewithall I'le bring the Band,
Which, in full force, did daring stand,
Till my Redeemer, on the Tree,
Made void for millions, as for me.
Then, if Thou bidst me pay, or go
Unto the prison, I'le say, no;
Christ having paid, I nothing owe:
For, this is sure, the Debt is dead
By Law, the Bond once cancelled.

Good Men afflitted most.

GOD makes not good men wantons, but doth bring
Them to the field, and, there, to skirmishing;
With trialls those, with terrors these He proves,
And hazards those most, whom the most he loves;

For Sceva, darts; for Cocles, dangers; thus He finds a fire for mighty Mutius; Death for stout Cato; and besides all these, A poyson too He has for Socrates; Torments for high Attilius; and, with want, Brings in Fabricius for a Combatant: But, bastard-slips, and such as He dislikes, He never brings them once to th' push of Pikes.

Good Christians.

PLay their offensive and defensive parts, Till they be hid o're with a wood of darts.

The Will the cause of Woe.

When man is punisht, he is plagued still, Not for the fault of Nature, but of will.

To Heaven.

Pen thy gates
To him, who weeping waits,
And might come in,
But that held back by fin.
Let mercy be
So kind, to fet me free,
And I will ftrait
Come in, or force the gate.

The Recompence.

All I have lost, that co'd be rapt from me; And fare it well: yet, *Herrick*, if so be Thy Deerest Saviour renders thee but one Smile, that one smile's full restitution.

To God.

PArdon me God, once more I Thee intreat,
That I have plac'd Thee in so meane a seat,
Where round about Thou seest but all things vaine,
Uncircumcis'd, unseason'd, and prophane.
But as Heavens publike and immortall Eye
Looks on the filth, but is not soil'd thereby;
So Thou, my God, may'st on this impure look,
But take no tincture from my sinfull Book:
Let but one beame of Glory on it shine,
And that will make me, and my Work divine.

To God.

Ord, I am like to Misletoe,
Which has no root, and cannot grow,
Or prosper, but by that same tree
It clings about; so I by Thee.
What need I then to seare at all,
So long as I about Thee craule?

But if that Tree sho'd fall, and die, Tumble shall heav'n, and down will I.

His Wish to God.

Would to God, that mine old age might have Before my last, but here a living grave, Some one poore Almes-house; there to lie, or stir, Ghost-like, as in my meaner sepulcher; A little piggin, and a pipkin by, To hold things sitting my necessity; Which, rightly us'd, both in their time and place, Might me excite to fore, and after-grace.

Thy Crosse, my Christ, fixt 'fore mine eyes sho'd be,

Not to adore that, but to worship Thee. So, here the remnant of my dayes I'd spend, Reading Thy Bible, and my Book; so end.

Satan.

When we 'gainst Satan stoutly fight, the more He teares and tugs us, then he did before; Neglecting once to cast a frown on those Whom ease makes his, without the help of blowes.

Hell.

HEll is no other, but a foundlesse pit, Where no one beame of comfort peeps in it.

The West.

When I a ship see on the Seas, Cust with those watrie savages, And therewithall, behold, it hath In all that way no beaten path; Then, with a wonder, I consesse, Thou art our way i'th wildernesse: And while we blunder in the dark, Thou art our candle there, or spark.

Great Grief, great Glery.

The leffe our forrowes here and fuffrings cease, The more our Crownes of Glory there increase.

Hell.

HEll is the place where whipping-cheer abounds,
But no one Jailor there to wash the wounds.

The Bell-man.

A Long the dark, and filent night, With my Lantern, and my Light, And the tinkling of my Bell, Thus I walk, and this I tell: Death and dreadfulnesse call on,
To the gen'rall Session;
To whose dismall Barre, we there
All accompts must come to cleere:
Scores of fins w'ave made here many,
Wip't out few, God knowes, if any.
Rise, ye Debters, then, and fall
To make paiment, while I call.
Ponder this, when I am gone;
By the clock 'tis almost One.

The Goodnesse of his God.

WHen Winds and Seas do rage, And threaten to undo me, Thou dost their wrath asswage, If I but call unto Thee.

A mighty from last night
Did seek my soule to swallow,
But by the peep of light
A gentle calme did follow.

What need I then despaire,
Though ills stand round about me;
Since mischiefs neither dare
To bark, or bite, without Thee?

The Wallower Tearers or, Dirge of Dorces.

Come pitie us, all we, win the Willow-tree:
Come pitie us, we Patiers iv.,
Who iee, or heare poor Windowes crie:
Come pitie us; and bring your eaces,
And eves, to pitie Windowes terres.
Char. And when you are come hither;
Then we will keep
A Faft, and weep
Our eyes our all regeries.

For Tabitha, who dead lies here,
Clean wather, and laid out for the Beare;
O modelt Matrons, weep and wate!
For now the Corne and Wine must faile:
The Balket and the Bunn of Brend,
Wherewith to many foules were fed
Chw. Stand empty here for ever:
And ah! the Poore,
At thy worne Doore,
Shall be releved never.

Woe worth the Time, woe worth the day, That reav'd us of thee, Tabitha! For we have loft, with thee, the Meale, The Bits, the Morfells, and the deale Of gentle Paste, and yeelding Dow, That Thou on Widdowes didst bestow. Chor. All's gone, and Death hath taken
Away from us
Our Maundie; thus,
Thy Widdowes stand forsaken.

Ah Dorcas, Dorcas! now adieu
We bid the Creuse and Pannier too:
I and the flesh, for and the fish,
Dol'd to us in That Lordly dish.
We take our leaves now of the Loome,
From whence the house-wives cloth did come:

Chor. The web affords now nothing;
Thou being dead,
The woofted thred
Is cut, that made us clothing.

Farewell the Flax and Reaming wooll,
With which thy house was plentifull.
Farewell the Coats, the Garments, and
The Sheets, the Rugs, made by thy hand.
Farewell thy Fier and thy Light,
That ne're went out by Day or Night:
Chor. No, or thy zeale so speedy,
That found a way
By peep of day,
To feed and cloth the Needy.

But, ah, alas! the Almond Bough, And Olive Branch is wither'd now. The Wine Presse now is ta'ne from us, The Saffron and the Calamus. The Spice and Spiknard hence is gone,
The Storax and the Cynamon,
Chor. The Caroll of our gladnesse
Ha's taken wing,
And our late spring
Of mirth is turn'd to sadnesse.

How wife wast thou in all thy waies!
How worthy of respect and praise!
How Matron-like didst thou go drest!
How soberly above the rest
Of those that prank it with their Plumes;
And jet it with their choice pursumes.

Chor. Thy vestures were not flowing:

Nor did the street

Accuse thy feet
Of mincing in their going.

And though thou here li'ft dead, we see
A deale of beauty yet in thee.
How sweetly shewes thy smiling face,
Thy lips with all diffused grace!
Thy hands, though cold, yet spotlesse, white,
And comely as the Chrysolite.

Chor. Thy belly like a hill is,

Or as a neat

Cleane heap of wheat,

All fet about with Lillies.

Sleep with thy beauties here, while we Will shew these garments made by thee;

These were the Coats, in these are read
The monuments of *Dorcas* dead.
These were thy Acts, and thou shalt have
These hung, as honours o're thy Grave,
Chor. And after us, distressed,
Sho'd fame be dumb;
Thy very Tomb
Would cry out, Thou art blessed.

To God, in Time of Plundering.

R Apine has yet tooke nought from me;
But if it please my God, I be
Brought at the last to th' utmost bit,
God make me thankfull still for it.
I have been gratefull for my store:
Let me say grace when there's no more.

To his Saviour. The New-yeers Gift.

THat little prettie bleeding part
Of Foreskin send to me:
And Ile returne a bleeding Heart,
For New-yeers gift to thee.

Rich is the Jemme that thou did'ft fend, Mine's faulty too, and small: But yet this Gift Thou wilt commend, Because I send Thee all.

Doomes-Day.

Let not that Day Gods Friends and Servants fcare:
The Bench is then their place; and not the Barre.

The Poores Portion.

The sup'rabundance of my store,
That is the portion of the poore:
Wheat, Barley, Rie, or Oats; what is't
But he takes tole of? all the Griest.
Two raiments have I: Christ then makes
This Law; that He and I part stakes.
Or have I two loaves; then I use
The poore to cut, and I to chuse.

The White Island: or Place of the Blest.

IN this world, the Isle of Dreames,
While we fit by forrowes streames,
Teares and terrors are our theames
Reciting:

But when once from hence we flie, More and more approaching nigh Unto young Eternitie

Uniting:

In that whiter Island, where Things are evermore fincere; Candor here, and lustre there Delighting:

There no monstrous fancies shall Out of hell an horrour call, To create, or cause at all, Affrighting.

There in calm and cooling sleep We our eyes shall never steep; But eternall watch shall keep, Attending

Pleasures, such as shall pursue Me immortaliz'd, and you; And fresh joyes, as never too Have ending.

To Christ.

To Thee, for curing Balfamum:
Thou hast, nay more, Thou art the Tree,
Affording salve of Soveraigntie.
My mouth I'le lay unto Thy wound
Bleeding, that no Blood touch the ground:
For, rather then one drop shall fall
To wast, my JESU, I'le take all.

To God.

GOD! to my little meale and oyle, Add but a bit of flesh, to boyle: And Thou my Pipkinnet shalt see, Give a wave-offring unto Thee,

Free Welcome.

GOD He refuseth no man; but makes way For All that now come, or hereafter may.

Gods Grace.

GODS Grace deserves here to be daily sed, That, thus increast, it might be perfected.

Coming to Christ.

TO him, who longs unto his CHRIST to go, Celerity even it felf is flow.

Correction.

GOD had but one Son free from fin; but none
Of all His fonnes free from correction.

Gods Bounty.

GOD, as He's potent, so He's likewise known, To give us more then Hope can fix upon.

Knowledge.

Science in God, is known to be A Substance, not a Qualitie.

Salutation.

CHRIST, I have read, did to His Chaplains fay,
Sending them forth, Salute no man by' th way;
Not, that He taught His Ministers to be
Unsmooth, or sowre, to all civilitie;
But to instruct them, to avoid all snares
Of tardidation in the Lords Affaires.
Manners are good: but till his errand ends,
Salute we must, nor Strangers, Kin, or Friends.

Lasciviousnesse.

Asciviousnesse is known to be The sister to saturitie.

Teares.

GOD from our eyes all teares hereafter wipes, And gives His Children kiffes then, not stripes.

Gods Blesfing.

IN vain our labours are, whatfoe're they be, Unlesse God gives the *Benedicite*.

God, and Lord.

GOD, is His Name of Nature; but that word
Implies His Power, when He's cal'd the LORD.

The Judgment-Day.

GOD hides from man the reck'ning Day, that He
May feare it ever for uncertaintie:
That being ignorant of that one, he may
Expect the coming of it ev'ry day.

Angells.

A Ngells are called Gods; yet of them, none Are Gods, but by participation:

As Just Men are intitled Gods, yet none Are Gods, of them, but by Adoption.

Long life.

The longer thred of life we spin, The more occasion still to sin.

Teares.

Then all the fongs of finners are.

Manna.

THat Manna, which God on His people cast, Fitted it self to ev'ry Feeders tast.

Reverence.

The feare of God, commixt with cleanly love.

Mercy.

M^{Ercy}, the wife Athenians held to be Not an Affection, but a *Deitie*.

Wages.

A Fter this life, the wages shall Not shar'd alike be unto all.

Temptation.

GOD tempteth no one, as S. Aug'stine faith, For any ill; but, for the proof of Faith: Unto temptation God exposeth some; But none, of purpose, to be overcome.

Gods Hands.

GODS Hands are round, & fmooth, that gifts may fall

Freely from them, and hold none back at all.

Labour.

Abour we must, and labour hard I'th Forum here, or Vineyard.

Mora Sponsi, the Stay of the Bridegroome.

THe time the Bridegroom stayes from hence, Is but the time of penitence.

Roaring.

R Oaring is nothing but a weeping part, Forc'd from the mighty dolour of the heart.

The Eucharist.

HE that is hurt feeks help: fin is the wound; The falve for this i'th Eucharist is found.

Sin severely punisht.

GOD in His own Day will be then severe, To punish great sins, who small faults whipt here.

Montes Scripturarum, the Mounts of the Scriptures.

The Mountains of the Scriptures are, some say, Moses, and Jesus, called Joshua:
The Prophets Mountains of the Old are meant;
The Apostles Mounts of the New Testament.

Prayer.

A Prayer, that is faid alone,
Starves, having no companion.
Great things ask for, when thou dost pray,
And those great are, which ne're decay.
Pray not for silver, rust eats this;
Ask not for gold, which metall is:
Nor yet for houses, which are here
But earth: such vowes nere reach Gods eare.

Christs Sadnesse.

CHrist was not sad, i'th garden, for His own Passion, but for His sheeps dispersion.

God heares us.

GOD, who's in Heav'n, will hear from thence; If not to'th found, yet, to the sense.

God.

GOD, as the learned Damascen doth write, A Sea of Substance is, Indefinite.

Clouds.

HE that ascended in a cloud, shall come. In clouds, descending to the publike Doome.

Comforts in Contentions.

The fame, who crownes the Conquerour, will be A Coadjutor in the Agonie.

Heaven.

HEav'n is most faire; but fairer He
That made that fairest Canopie.

God.

IN God there's nothing, but 'tis known to be Ev'n God Himself, in perfect Entitie.

His Power.

GOD can do all things, fave but what are known

For to imply a contradiction.

Christs Words on the Crosse, My God, My God.

CHRIST, when He hung the dreadfull Crosse upon,
Had, as it were, a Dereliction;
In this regard, in those great terrors He
Had no one Beame from Gods sweet Majestie.

JEHOVAH.

JEHOVAH, as Boëtius faith, No number of the Plurall hath.

Confusion of Face.

GOD then confounds mans face, when He not hears
The Vowes of those, who are Petitioners.

Another.

Then prayers repel'd, sayes Cassionore.

Beggars.

J Acob Gods Beggar was; and so we wait, Though ne're so rich, all beggars at His Gate.

Good, and bad.

The Bad among the Good are here mixt ever:
The Good without the Bad are here plac'd never.

Sin.

S In no Existence; Nature none it hath, Or Good at all, as learn'd Aquinas saith.

Martha, Martha.

The repetition of the name made known No other, then Christs full Affection.

Youth, and Age.

GOD on our Youth bestowes but little ease; But on our Age most sweet Indulgences.

Gods Power.

GOD is so potent, as His Power can Draw out of bad a soveraigne good to man.

Paradise.

PAradise is, as from the Learn'd I gather,
A quire of blest Soules circling in the Father.

Observation.

The Jewes, when they built Houses, I have read,
One part thereof left still unfinished:
To make them, thereby, mindfull of their own Cities most sad and dire destruction.

The Affe.

GOD did forbid the Ifraelites, to bring An Asse unto Him, for an offering: Onely, by this dull creature, to expresse His detestation to all stothfulnesse.

Observation.

THe Virgin-Mother stood at distance there, From her Sonnes Crosse, not shedding once a teare:

Because the Law forbad to sit and crie For those, who did as malesactors die. So she, to keep her mighty woes in awe, Tortur'd her love, not to transgresse the Law. Observe we may, how Mary Joses then, And th' other Mary, Mary Magdalen, Sate by the Grave; and sadly sitting there, Shed for their Master many a bitter teare: But 'twas not till their dearest Lord was dead; And then to weep they both were licensed.

Tapers.

Those Tapers, which we set upon the grave, In sun'rall pomp, but this importance have; That soules departed are not put out quite; But, as they walk't here in their vestures white, So live in Heaven, in everlasting light.

Christs Birth.

Ne Birth our Saviour had; the like none yet Was, or will be a fecond like to it.

The Virgin Mary.

TO work a wonder, God would have her shown,
At once, a Bud, and yet a Rose full-blowne.

Another.

A S Sun-beames pierce the glasse, and streaming in;
No crack or Schisme leave i'th subtill skin:
So the Divine Hand work't, and brake no thred,
But, in a Mother, kept a maiden-head.

God.

GOD, in the holy Tongue, they call The Place that filleth All in all.

Another of God.

OD'S faid to leave this place, and for to come

Nearer to that place, then to other some:

Of locall motion, in no least respect,

But only by impression of effect.

Another.

GOD is Jehovah cal'd; which name of His Implies or Effence, or the He that Is.

Gods Presence.

GOD'S evident, and may be faid to be Present with just men, to the veritie: But with the wicked if He doth comply, 'Tis, as S. *Bernard* faith, but seemingly.

Gods Dwelling.

GOD'S faid to dwell there, wheresoever He Puts down some prints of His high Majestie: As when to man He comes, and there doth place His holy Spirit, or doth plant His Grace.

The Virgin Mary.

The Virgin Marie was, as I have read, The House of God, by Christ inhabited; Into the which He enter'd: but, the Doore Once shut, was never to be open'd more.

To God.

GOD'S undivided, One in Persons Three; And Three in Inconfused Unity: Originall of Essence there is none 'Twixt God the Father, Holy Ghost, and Sonne: And though the Father be the first of Three, 'Tis but by Order, not by Entitie.

Upon Woman and Mary.

SO long, it seem'd, as Maries Faith was small, Christ did her Woman, not her Mary call: But no more Woman, being strong in Faith; But Mary cal'd then, as S. Ambrose saith.

North and South.

The Jewes their beds, and offices of ease, Plac't North and South, for these cleane purposes;

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That mans uncomely froth might not moleft Gods wayes and walks, which lie flill Eaft and Weft.

Sabbaths.

Shbaths are threefold, as S. Austine sayes:
The first of Time, or Sabbath here of Dayes;
The second is a Conscience trespasse-free;
The last the Sabbath of Eternitie.

The Fast, or Lent.

N^{Oab} the first was, as Tradition sayes, That did ordaine the Fast of forty Dayes.

Sin.

There is no evill that we do commit,
But hath th' extraction of fome good from
it:

As when we fin; God, the great Chymist, thence Drawes out th' Elixar of true penitence.

God.

OD is more here, then in another place, Not by His Essence, but commerce of Grace.

This, and the next World.

GOD hath this world for many made; 'tis true:

But He hath made the world to come for few.

Fale.

GOD gives to none so absolute an Ease, As not to know, or feel some Grievances.

Beginnings and Endings.

Paul, he began ill, but he ended well; Judas began well, but he foulely fell: In godlinesse, not the beginnings, so Much as the ends are to be lookt unto.

Temporall Goods.

These temp'rall goods God, the most Wise, commends

To th' good and bad, in common, for two ends:

First, that these goods none here may o're esteem,
Because the wicked do partake of them:

Next, that these ills none cowardly may shun;
Being, oft here, the just mans portion.

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Hell Fire.

The fire of Hell this strange condition hath, To burn, not shine, as learned Basil saith.

Abels Bloud.

SPeak, did the Bloud of Abel cry
To God for vengeance; yes, fay I;
Ev'n as the sprinkled bloud cal'd on
God, for an expiation.

Another.

The bloud of Abel was a thing Of fuch a rev'rend reckoning, As that the old World thought it fit, Especially to sweare by it.

A Position in the Hebrew Divinity.

O Ne man repentant is of more esteem
With God, then one, that never sin'd 'gainst
Him.

Penitence.

THe Doctors, in the Talmud, fay, That in this world, one onely day In true repentance spent, will be More worth, then Heav'ns Eternitie.

Gods Presence.

GOD'S present ev'ry where; but most of all Present by Union Hypostaticall:
God, He is there, where's nothing else, Schooles fay,
And nothing else is there, where He's away.

The Resurrection possible, and probable.

POr each one Body, that i'th earth is sowne, There's an up-rising but of one for one: But for each Graine, that in the ground is thrown, Threescore or sourcescore spring up thence for one: So that the wonder is not halfe so great, Of ours, as is the rising of the wheat.

Christs Suffering.

Justly our dearest Saviour may abhorre us, Who hath more suffer'd by us farre, then for us.

Sinners.

Sinners confounded are a twofold way, Either as when (the learned Schoolemen fay) Mens fins destroyed are, when they repent; Or when, for fins, men suffer punishment.

Temptations.

NO man is tempted so, but may o'recome, If that he has a will to Masterdome.

Pittie, and Punishment.

GOD doth embrace the good with love; & gaines
The good by mercy, as the bad by paines.

Gods Price, and Mans Price.

GOD bought man here with his hearts blood expence;
And man fold God here for base thirty pence.

Christs Action.

CHRIST never did so great a work, but there His humane Nature did, in part, appeare: Or, ne're so meane a peece, but men might see Therein some beames of His Divinitie: So that, in all He did, there did combine His Humane Nature, and His Part Divine.

Predestination.

PRedestination is the Cause alone Of many standing, but of fall to none.

Another.

A Rt thou not destin'd? then, with hast, go on To make thy faire *Predestination*: If thou canst change thy life, God then will please To change, or call back, His past Sentences.

Sin.

S In never flew a foule, unleffe there went Along with it some tempting blandishment.

Another.

SIn is an act so free, that if we shall Say, 'tis not free, 'tis then no sin at all.

Another.

SIn is the cause of death; and sin's alone The cause of Gods *Predestination*: And from Gods *Prescience* of mans sin doth slow Our *Destination* to eternall woe.

Prescience.

GODS Prescience makes none sinfull; but th' offence
Of man's the chief cause of Gods Prescience.

Christ.

To all our wounds, here, whatsoe're they be, Christ is the one sufficient Remedie.

Christs Incarnation.

CHRIST took our Nature on Him, not that He
'Bove all things lov'd it, for the puritie:
No, but He drest Him with our humane Trim,
Because our slesh stood most in need of Him.

Heaven.

HEaven is not given for our good works here: Yet it is given to the Labourer.

Gods Keyes.

OD has foure keyes, which He referves alone; The first of Raine, the key of Hell next known:

With the third key He opes and shuts the wombe; And with the fourth key He unlocks the tombe.

Sin.

THere's no constraint to do amisse, Whereas but one enforcement is.

Almes.

GIve unto all, left he, whom thou deni'ft, May chance to be no other man, but Christ.

Hell-Fire.

Ne onely fire has Hell; but yet it shall, Not after one fort, there excruciate all: But look, how each transgressor onward went Boldly in fin, shall feel more punishment. To keep a true Lent.

Is this a Fast, to keep
The Larder leane?
And cleane
From fat of Veales, and Sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
Of Flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with Fish?

Is it to fast an houre,
Or rag'd to go,
Or show
A down-cast look, and sowre?

No: 'tis a Fast, to dole

Thy sheaf of wheat,

And meat,

Unto the hungry Soule.

It is to fast from strife,

From old debate,

And hate;

To circumcise thy life.

To flew a heart grief-rent;
To flerve thy fin,
Not Bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.

No Time in Eternitie.

BY houres we all live here, in Heaven is known No spring of Time, or Times succession.

His Meditation upon Death.

BE those few hours, which I have yet to spend,.

Blest with the Meditation of my end:

Though they be few in number, I'm content;

If otherwise, I stand indifferent:

Nor makes it matter, Nestors yeers to tell,

If man lives long, and if he live not well.

A multitude of dayes still heaped on,

Seldome brings order, but confusion.

Might I make choice, long life sho'd be with
stood;

Nor wo'd I care how short it were, if good:
Which to effect, let ev'ry passing Bell
Possesse my thoughts, next comes my dolefull
knell:

And when the night perswades me to my bed, I'le thinke I'm going to be buried:
So shall the Blankets which come over me,
Present those Turs, which once must cover me:
And with as firme behaviour I will meet
The sheet I sleep in, as my Winding-sheet.
When sleep shall bath his body in mine eyes,
I will believe, that then my body dies:

And if I chance to wake, and rife thereon, I'le have in mind my Resurrection, Which must produce me to that Gen'rall Doome, To which the Pefant, so the Prince must come, To heare the Judge give sentence on the Throne, Without the least hope of affection. Teares, at that day, shall make but weake defence; When Hell and Horrour fright the Conscience. Let me, though late, yet at the last, begin To shun the least Temptation to a fin; Though to be tempted be no fin, untill Man to th' alluring object gives his will. Such let my life affure me, when my breath Goes theeving from me, I am fafe in death; Which is the height of comfort, when I fall, I rise triumphant in my Funerall.

Cloaths for Continuance.

Those Garments lasting evermore, Are works of mercy to the poore, Which neither Tettar, Time, or Moth Shall fray that filke, or fret this cloth.

To God.

Ome to me God; but do not come To me, as to the gen'rall Doome, In power; or come Thou in that state, When Thou Thy Lawes didst promulgate, When as the Mountains quak'd for dread, And fullen clouds bound up his head. No, lay thy stately terrours by, To talke with me familiarly; For if Thy thunder-claps I heare, I shall lesse swoone, then die for feare. Speake thou of love and I'le reply By way of Epithalamie, Or sing of mercy, and I'le suit To it my Violl and my Lute: Thus let Thy lips but love distill, Then come my God, and hap what will.

The Soule.

When once the Soule has loft her way, O then, how reftleffe do's fhe ftray! And having not her God for light, How do's she erre in endlesse night!

The Judgement-day.

IN doing justice, God shall then be known, Who shewing mercy here, sew priz'd, or none.

Sufferings.

WE merit all we fuffer, and by far More stripes, then God layes on the sufferer.

Paine and Pleasure.

OD fuffers not His Saints, and Servants deere,
To have continuall paine, or pleasure here:
But look how night succeeds the day, so He
Gives them by turnes their grief and jollitie.

Gods Presence.

GOD is all-present to what e're we do, And as all-present, so all-filling too.

Another.

Hat there's a God, we all do know, But what God is, we cannot show.

The poore Mans Part.

TEll me rich man, for what intent Thou load'st with gold thy vestiment? When as the poore crie out, to us Belongs all gold superfluous.

The right Hand.

GOD has a Right Hand, but is quite bereft Of that, which we do nominate the Left.

The Staffe and Rod.

Two instruments belong unto our God;
The one a Staffe is, and the next a Rod:
That if the twig sho'd chance too much to smart,
The staffe might come to play the friendly part.

God sparing in scourging.

GOD still rewards us more then our desert:

But when He strikes, He quarter-acts His part.

Confession.

Onfession twofold is, as Austine sayes,

The first of sin is, and the next of praise:

If ill it goes with thee, thy faults confesse:

If well, then chant Gods praise with cheerfulnesse.

Gods Descent.

GOD is then said for to descend, when He Doth, here on earth, some thing of novitie; As when, in humane nature He works more Then ever, yet, the like was done before.

No coming to God without Christ.

Ood and great God! How sho'd I feare
To come to Thee, if Christ not there!
Co'd I but think, He would not be
Present, to plead my cause for me;
To Hell I'd rather run, then I
Wo'd see Thy Face, and He not by.

Another, to God.

Though Thou beeft all that Attive Leve,
Which heats those ravisht Soules above;
And though all joyes spring from the glance
Of Thy most winning countenance;
Yet sowre and grim Thou'dst seem to me;
If through my Christ I saw not Thee.

The Resurrection.

Hat Christ did die, the Pagan saith;
But that He rose, that's Christians Faith.

Coheires.

WE are Coheires with Christ; nor shall His own

Heire-ship be lesse, by our adoption:
The number here of Heires, shall from the state
Of His great Birth-right nothing derogate.

The number of two.

OD hates the Duall Number; being known The lucklesse number of division:
And when He blest each sev'rall Day, whereon He did His curious operation;
'Tis never read there, as the Fathers say,
God blest His work done on the second day:
Wherefore two prayers ought not to be said,
Or by our selves, or from the Pulpit read.

Hardning of Hearts.

GOD's faid our hearts to harden then, When as His grace not supples men.

The Rose.

B Efore Mans fall, the Rose was born, S. Ambrose says, without the Thorn: But, for Mans sault, then was the Thorn, Without the fragrant Rose-bud, born; But ne're the Rose without the Thorn,

Gods Time must end our Trouble.

GOD doth not promise here to man, that He Will free him quickly from his miserie; But in His own time, and when He thinks sit, Then He will give a happy end to it.

Baptisme.

THe strength of Baptisme, that's within; It saves the soule, by drowning sin.

Gold and Frankincense.

GOld serves for Tribute to the King; The Frankincense for Gods Offring.

To God.

GOD, who me gives a will for to repent; Will add a power, to keep me innocent; That I shall ne're that trespasse recommit, When I have done true Penance here for it.

The Chewing the Cud.

When well we speak, & nothing do that's good,
We not divide the *Hoof*, but chew the *Cud*:

But when good words, by good works, have their proof,

We then both chew the Cud, and cleave the Hoof.

Christs twofold Coming.

Thy former coming was to cure My foules most desp'rate Calenture; Thy second Advent, that must be To heale my Earths infirmitie.

To God, his gift.

A S my little Pot doth boyle, We will keep this Levell-Coyle; That a Wave, and I will bring To my God, a Heave-offering.

Gods Anger.

GOD can't be wrathfull; but we may conclude,
Wrathfull He may be, by fimilitude:
God's wrathfull faid to be, when He doth do
That without wrath, which wrath doth force
us to.

Gods Commands.

IN Gods Commands, ne're ask the reason why; Let thy obedience be the best Reply.

To God.

IF I have plaid the Truant, or have here Fail'd in my part; O! Thou that art my deare, My mild, my loving Tutor, Lord and God! Correct my errors gently with Thy Rod. I know, that faults will many here be found, But where fin fwells, there let Thy grace abound.

To God.

The work is done; now let my Lawrell be Given by none, but by Thy selfe, to me: That done, with Honour Thou dost me create Thy Poet, and Thy Prophet Lawreat.

Good Friday: Rex Tragicus, or Christ going to His Crosse.

PUt off Thy Robe of Purple, then go on To the fad place of execution:
Thine houre is come; and the Tormentor stands Ready, to pierce Thy tender Feet, and Hands.
Long before this, the base, the dull, the rude,
Th'inconstant, and unpurged Multitude
Yawne for Thy coming; some e're this time crie,
How He deferres, how loath He is to die!

Amongst this scumme, the Souldier, with his speare,

And that fowre Fellow, with his vineger,
His fpunge, and flick, do ask why Thou dost stay?
So do the Skurfe and Bran too: Go Thy way,
Thy way, Thou guiltlesse man, and satisfie
By Thine approach, each their beholding eye.
Not as a thief, shalt Thou ascend the mount,
But like a Person of some high account:
The Crosse shall be Thy Stage; and Thou shalt
there

The spacious field have for Thy Theater.

Thou art that Roscius, and that markt-out man,
That must this day act the Tragedian,
To wonder and affrightment: Thou art He,
Whom all the slux of Nations comes to see;
Not those poor Theeves that act their parts with
Thee:

Those act without regard, when once a King, And God, as Thou art, comes to suffering. No, No, this Scene from Thee takes life and sense,

And foule and spirit plot, and excellence.
Why then begin, great King! ascend Thy Throne,
And thence proceed, to ast Thy Passion
To such an height, to such a period rais'd,
As Hell, and Earth, and Heav'n may stand amaz'd.
God, and good Angells guide Thee; and so blesse
Thee in Thy severall parts of bitternesse;

That those, who see Thee nail'd unto the Tree, May, though they scorn Thee, praise and pitie Thee.

And we, Thy Lovers, while we see Thee keep The Lawes of Action, will both sigh, and weep; And bring our Spices, to embalm Thee dead; That done, wee'l see Thee sweetly buried.

His Words to Christ, going to the Crosse.

When Thou wast taken, Lord, I oft have read, All Thy Disciples Thee forsook, and sted. Let their example not a pattern be For me to slie, but now to follow Thee.

Another, to his Saviour.

If Thou beest taken, God forbid,
I slie from Thee, as others did:
But if Thou wilt so honour me,
As to accept my companie,
I'le follow Thee, hap, hap what shall,
Both to the Judge, and Judgment-Hall:
And, if I see Thee posted there,
To be all-stayd with whipping-cheere,
I'le take my share; or els, my God,
Thy stripes I'le kisse, or burn the Rod.

His Saviours Words, going to the Crosse.

HAve, have ye no regard, all ye Who passe this way, to pitie me, Who am a man of miserie!

A man both bruis'd, and broke, and one Who fuffers not here for mine own, But for my friends transgression!

Ah! Sions Daughters, do not feare The Crosse, the Cords, the Nailes, the Speare, The Myrrhe, the Gall, the Vineger:

For Christ, your loving Saviour, hath Drunk up the wine of Gods fierce wrath; Onely, there's left a little froth,

Lesse for to tast, then for to shew, What bitter cups had been your due, Had He not drank them up for you.

His Anthem, to Christ on the Crosse.

When I behold Thee, almost slain, With one, and all parts, full of pain:

When I Thy gentle Heart do see

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Pierc't through, and dropping bloud, for me, I'le call, and cry out, Thanks to Thee.

Vers. But yet it wounds my soule, to think,
That for my sin, Thou, Thou must
drink,
Even Thou alone, the bitter cup
Of furie, and of vengeance up.

Chor. Lord, I'le not see Thee to drink all The Vineger, the Myrrhe, the Gall:

Ver. Chor. But I will fip a little wine; Which done, Lord fay, The rest is mine.

This Crosse-Tree here
Doth Jesus heare,
Who sweet'ned first,
The Death accurs't.

Ere all things ready are, make hast, make hast away; For, long this work wil be, & very short this Day. Why then, go on to act: Here's wonders to be done, Before the last least sand of Thy ninth houre be run; Or e're dark Clouds do dull, or dead the Mid-dayes Sun.

Act when Thou wilt. Bloud will be fpilt: Pure Balm, that shall Bring Health to All. Why then, Begin To powre first in Some Drops of Wine, In stead of Brine, To fearch the Wound. So long unfound: And, when that's done, Let Oyle, next, run, To cure the Sore Sinne made before. And O! Deare Christ. E'en as Thou di'st, Look down, and see Us weepe for Thee. And tho, Love knows, Thy dreadfull Woes Wee cannot ease : Yet doe Thou please, Who Mercie T'accept each Heart, That gladly would Helpe, if it could. Meane while, let mee, this Beneath Tree. This Honour have, To make my grave. To his Saviours Sepulcher: his Devotion.

HAile holy, and all-honour'd Tomb, By no ill haunted; here I come, With shoes put off, to tread thy Roome. I'le not prophane, by foile of fin, Thy Doore, as I do enter in: For I have washt both hand and heart, This, that, and ev'ry other part: So that I dare, with farre lesse feare, Then full affection, enter here. Thus, thus I come to kiffe Thy Stone With a warm lip, and folemne one: And as I kisse, I'le here and there Dresse Thee with slowrie Diaper. How fweet this place is! as from hence Flow'd all Panchaia's Frankincense: Or rich Arabia did commix, Here, all her rare Aromaticks. Let me live ever here, and stir No one step from this Sepulcher. Ravisht I am! and down I lie, Confus'd, in this brave Extafie. Here let me rest; and let me have This for my Heaven, that was Thy Grave: And, coveting no higher sphere, I'le my Eternitie spend here.

His Offering, with the rest, at the Sepulcher.

TO joyn with them who here confer Gifts to my Saviours Sepulcher; Devotion bids me hither bring Somewhat for my Thank-Offering. Loe! thus I bring a Virgin-Flower, To dreffe my maiden-Saviour.

His coming to the Sepulcher.

HEnce they have born my Lord; behold! the Stone
Is rowl'd away, and my fweet Saviour's gone.
Tell me, white Angell, what is now become
Of Him we lately feal'd up in this Tombe?
Is He, from hence, gone to the shades beneath,
To vanquish Hell, as here he conquer'd Death?
If so, I'le thither follow, without feare,
And live in Hell, if that my Christ stayes there.

OF all the good things whatsoe're we do, God is the APXH, and the ΤΕΛΟΣ too.





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